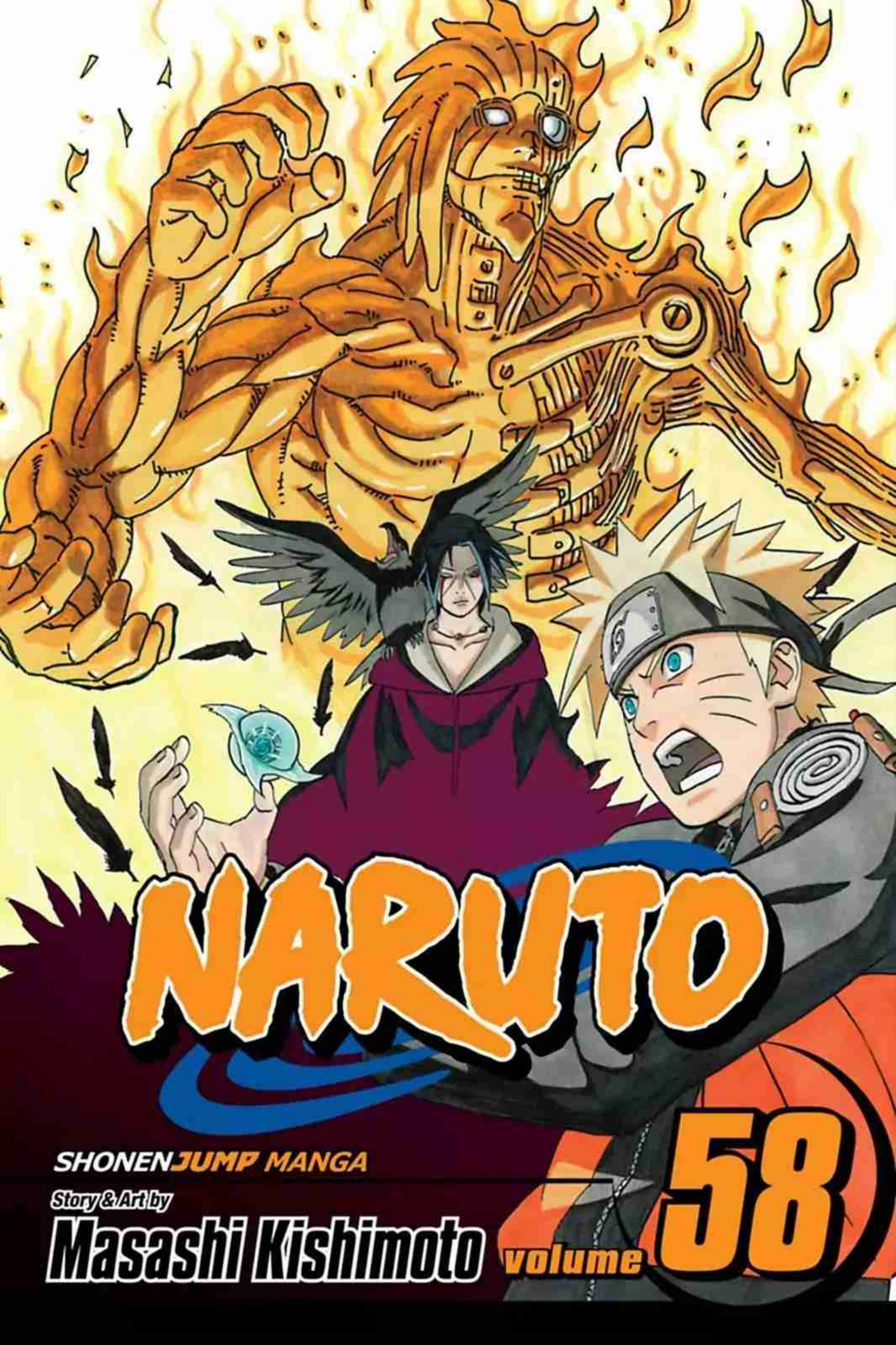
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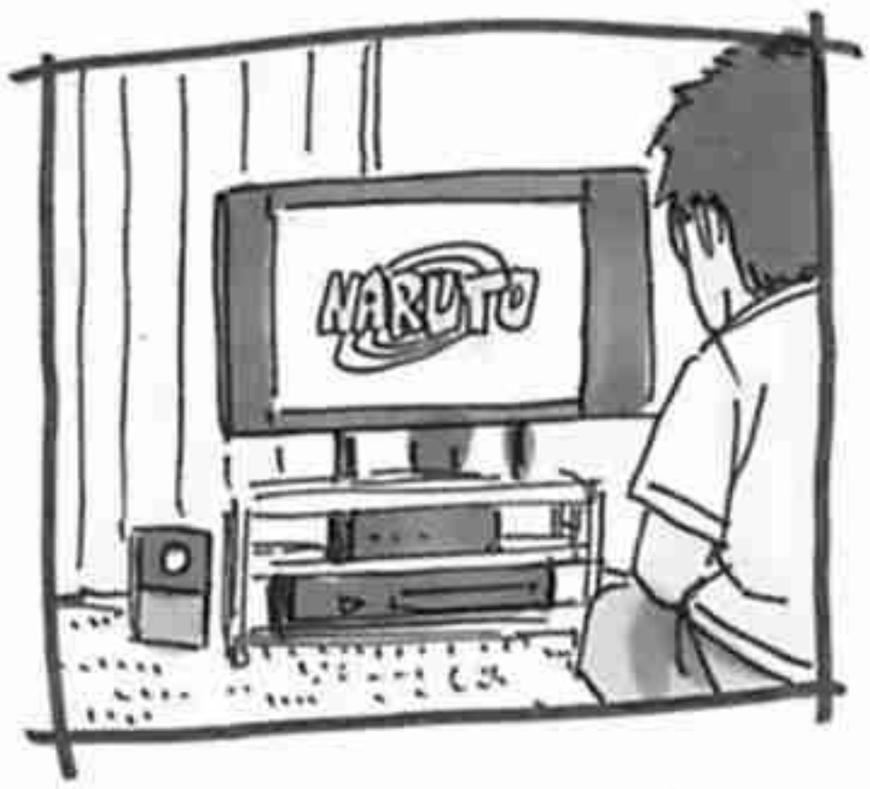

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—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011

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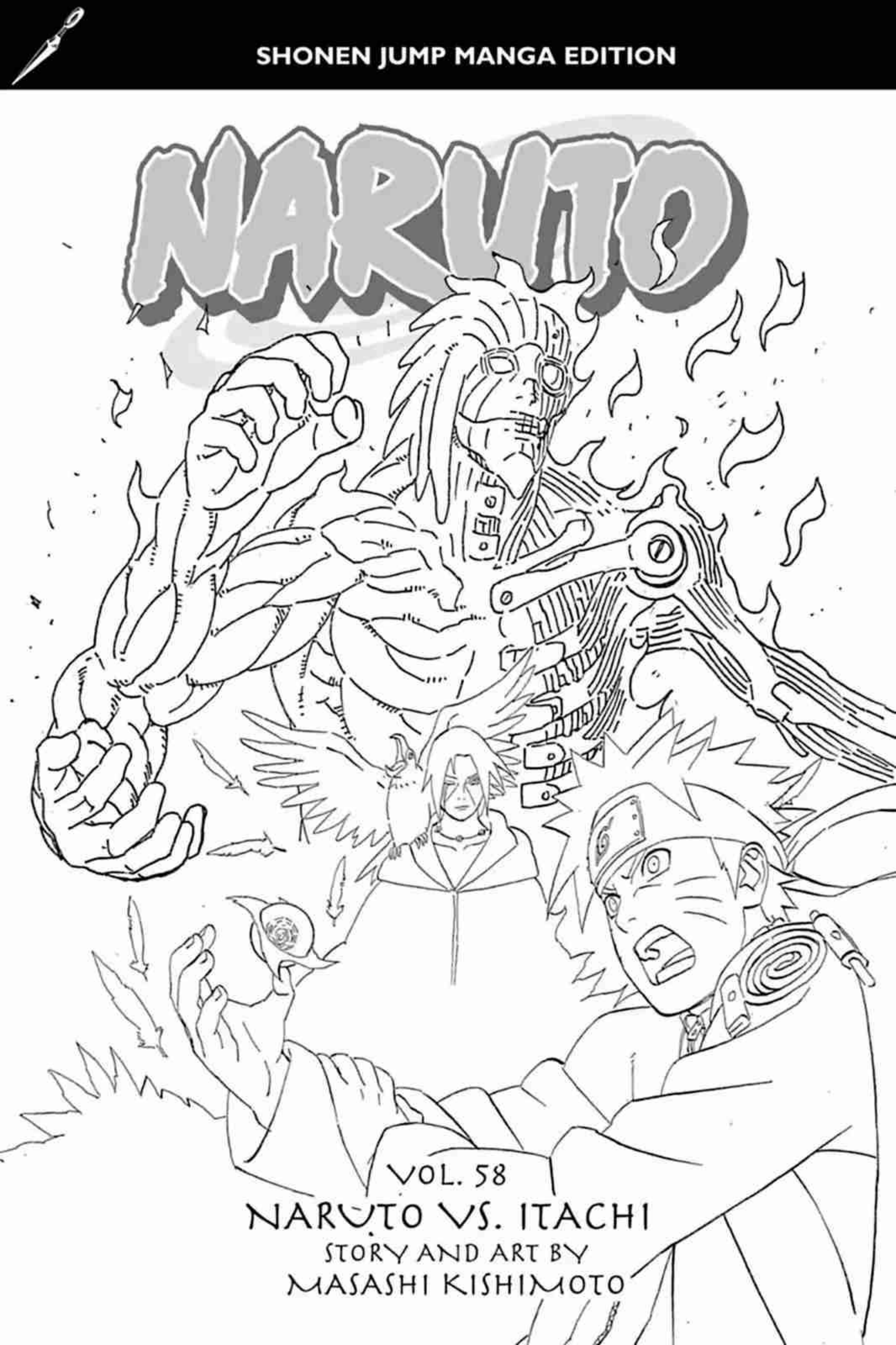

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CHARACTERS

Naruto ナルト

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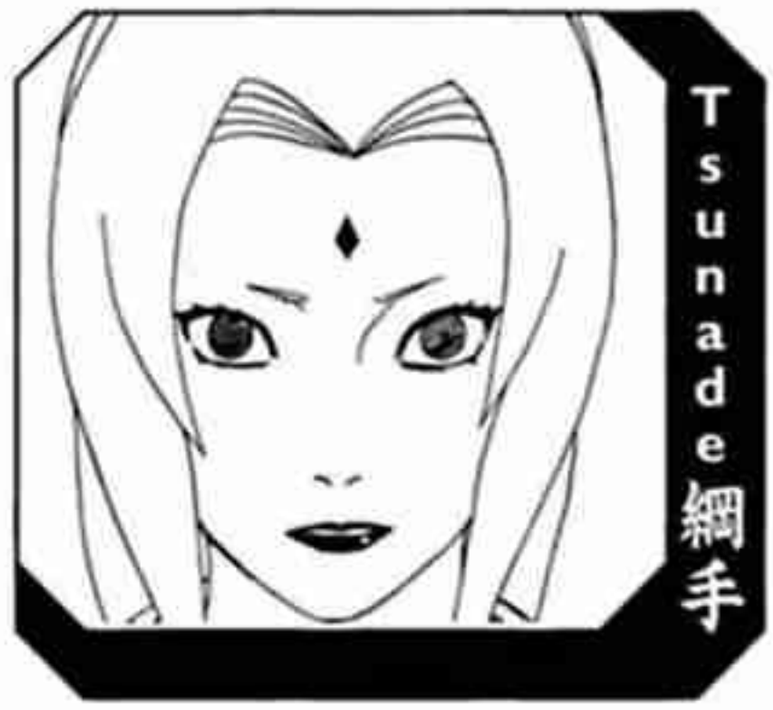
Kakashi カカシ

Sakura サクラ

Sai サイ

Yamato ヤマト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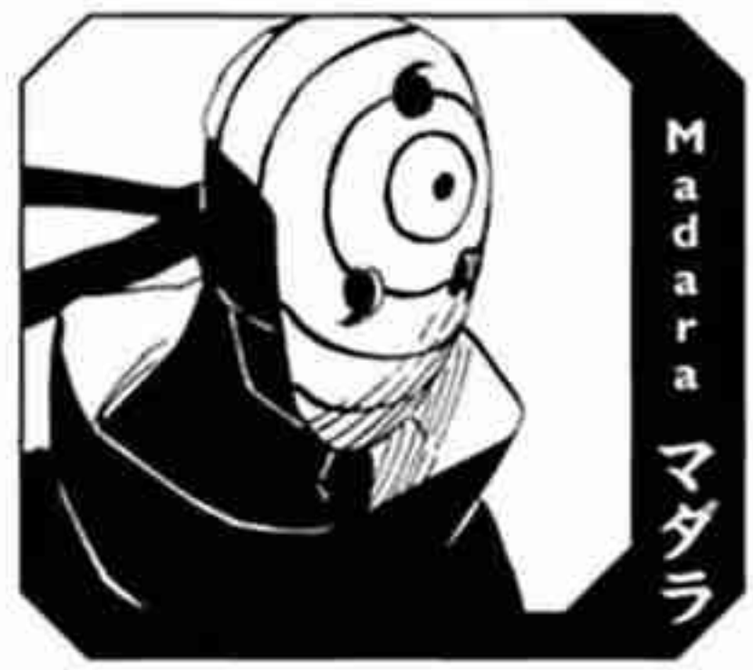
Gaara 我愛羅



THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek out power from the renegade ninja Orochimaru.

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, the Five Kage put together an Allied Shinobi Force. The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. After Naruto learns that the war was launched with him as the target, he and Bee break out of the training grounds. They then dissuade Tsunade and Raikage, who had come to stop them, and rush towards the battlefield!!

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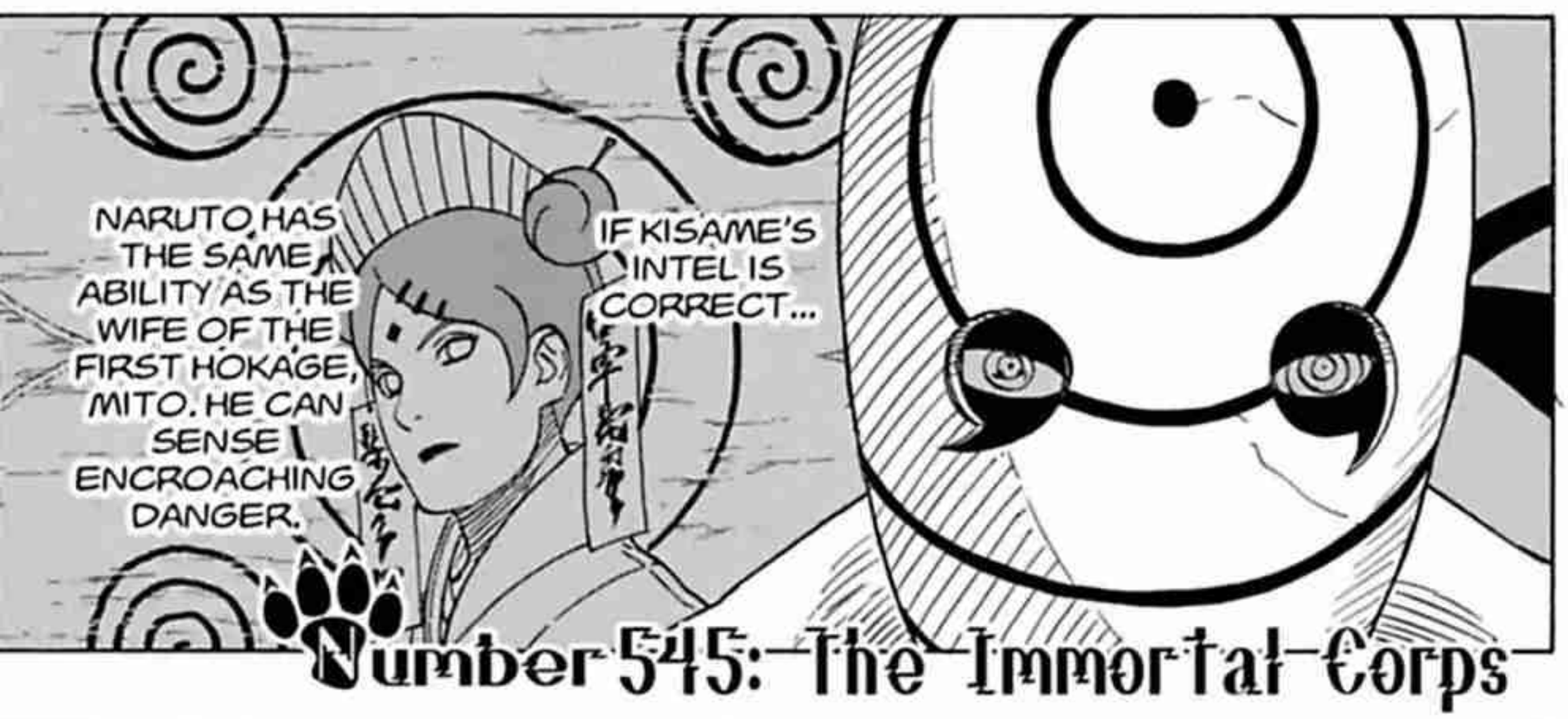

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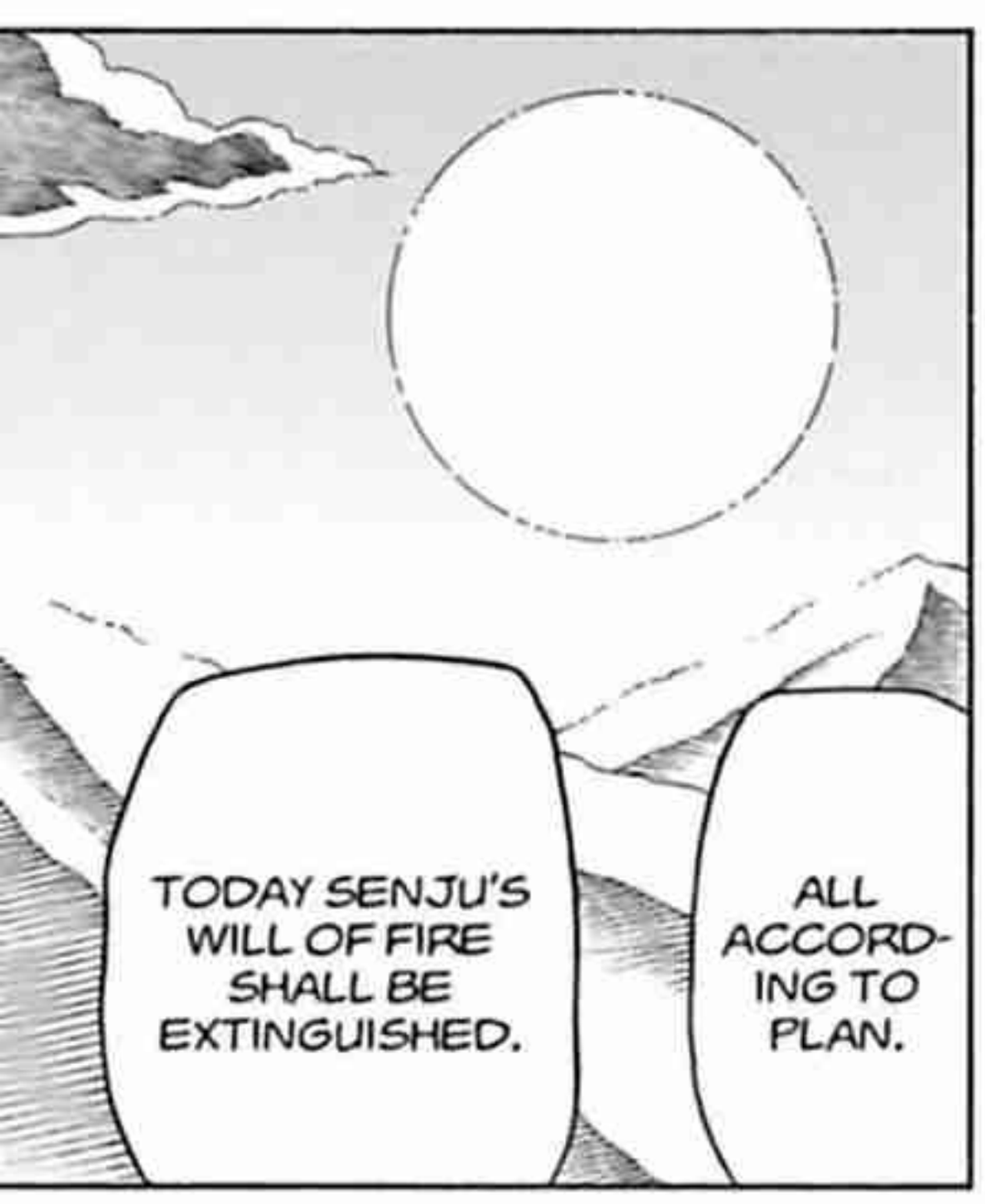
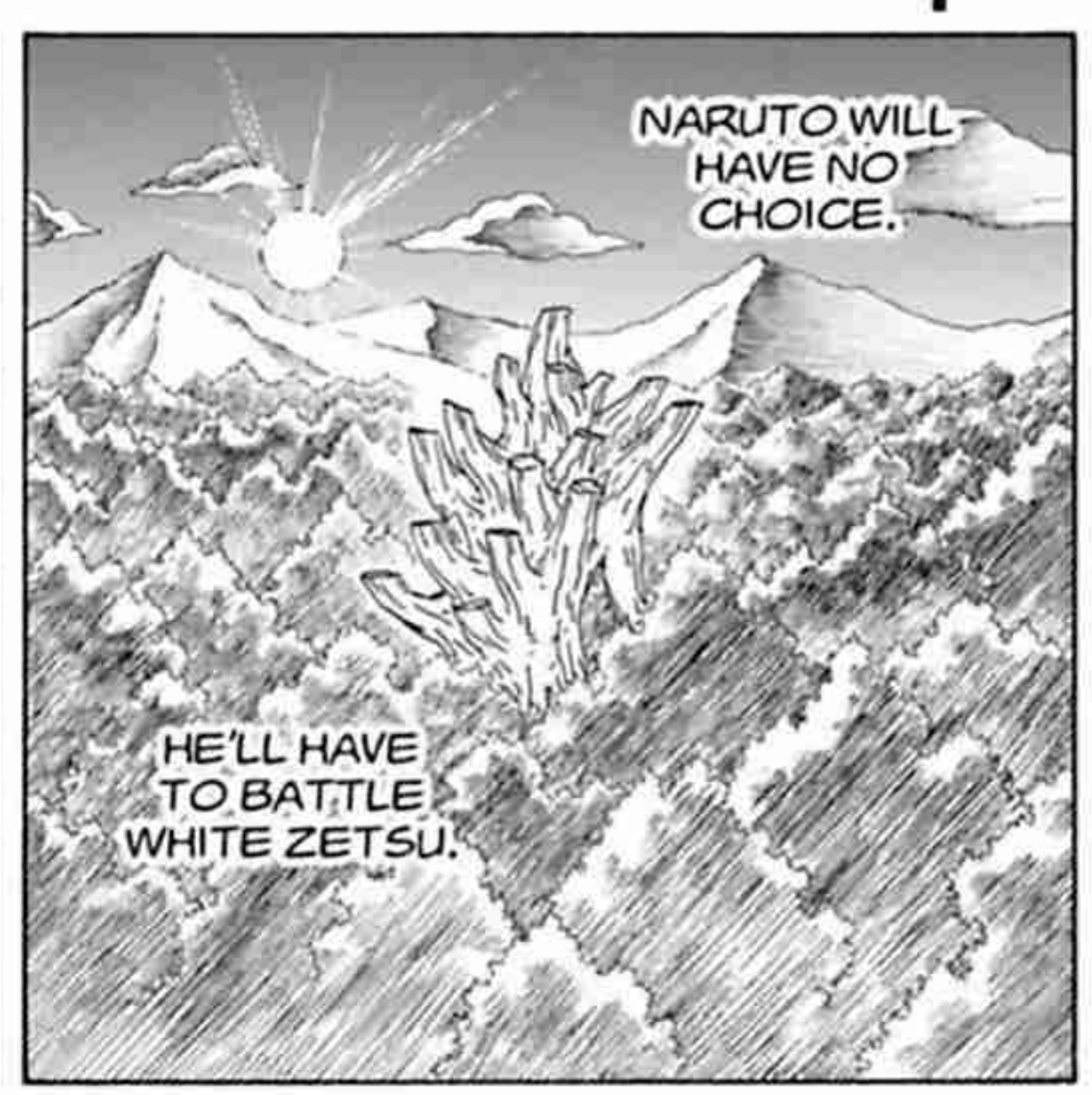
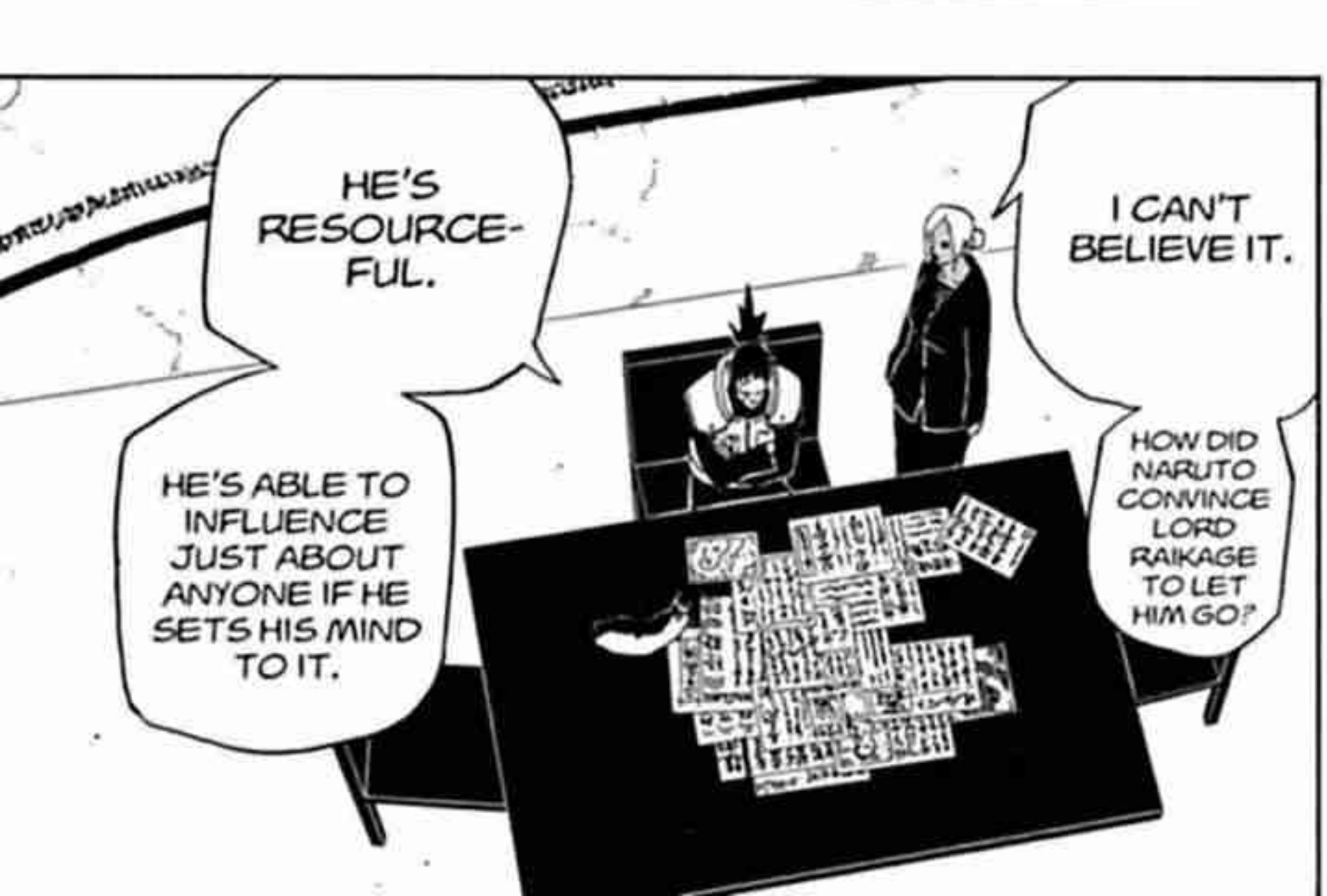




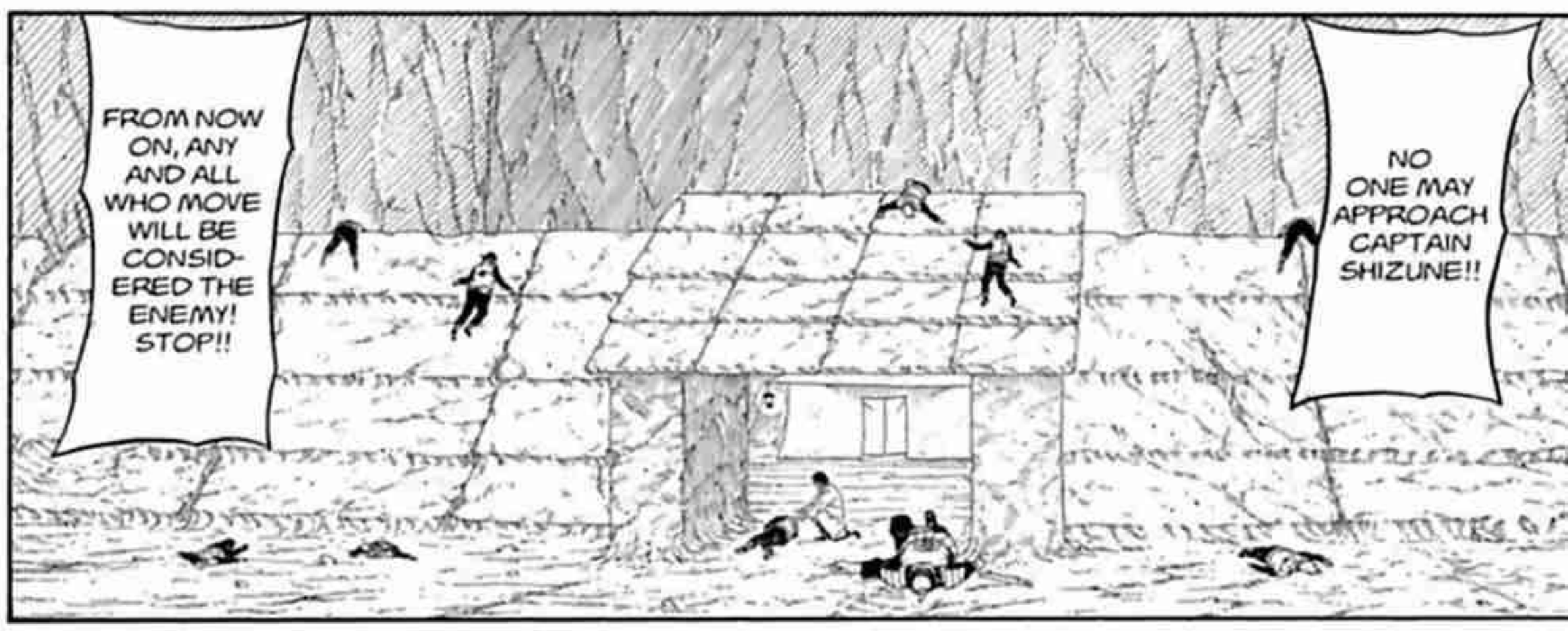


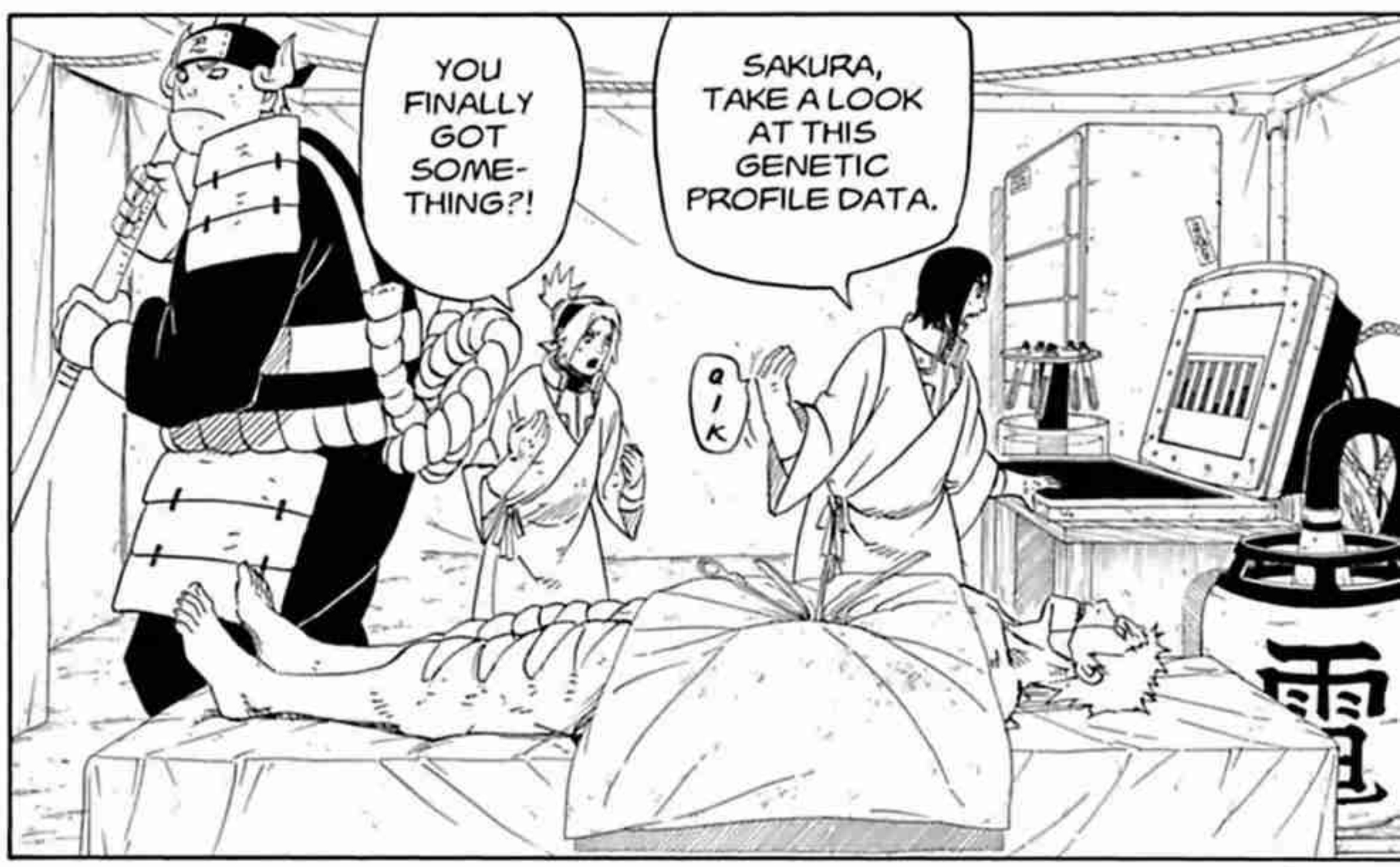
BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE RIGHT NOW EXCEPT TO TRUST NARUTO.

IT MAY BE A TRAP, FOR SURE.

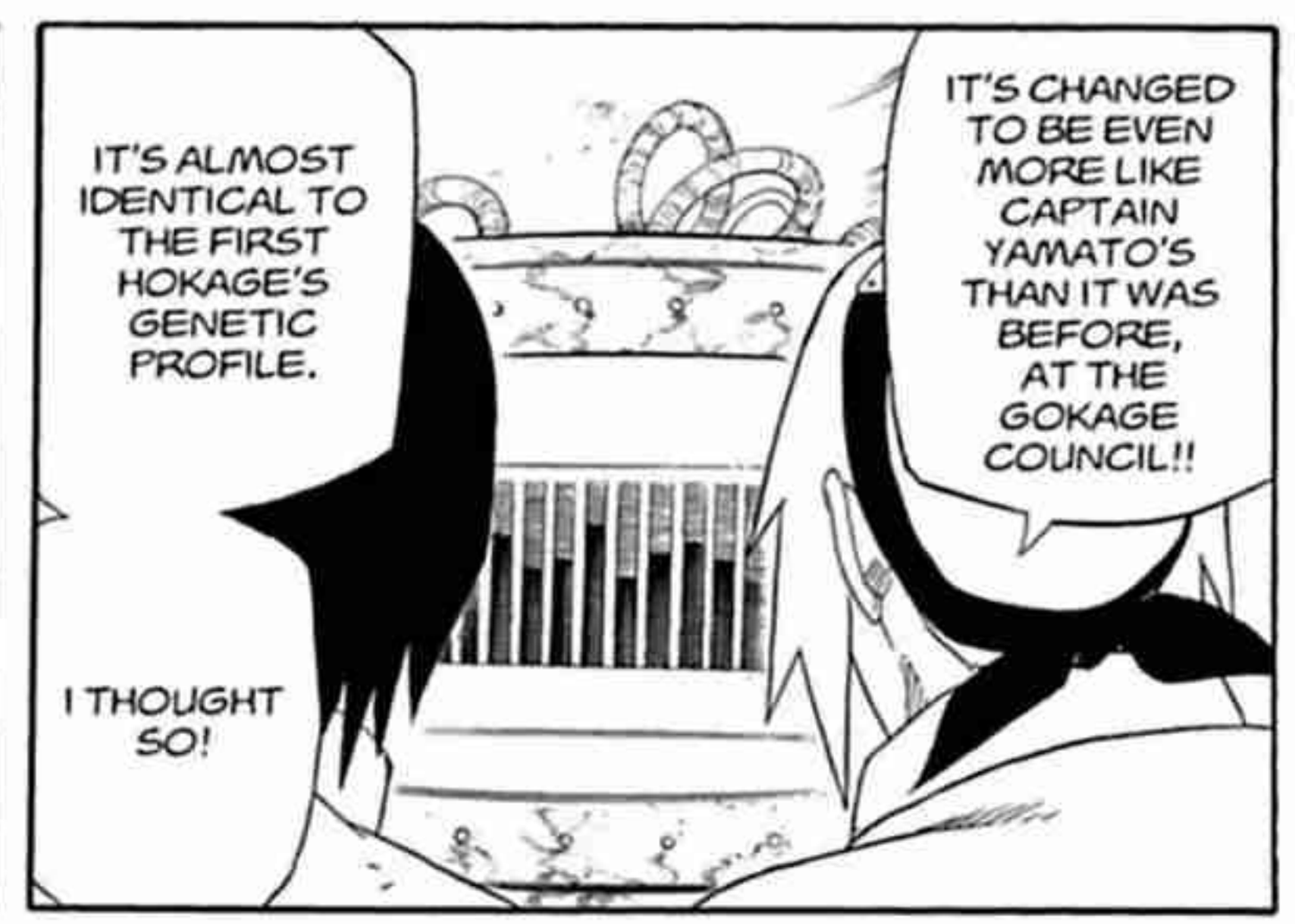
THIS TRANSFOR-MATION TECHNIQUE OF THE WHITE ZETSU ALMOST SEEMS DELIBERATELY CHOSEN TO LURE NARUTO OUT.

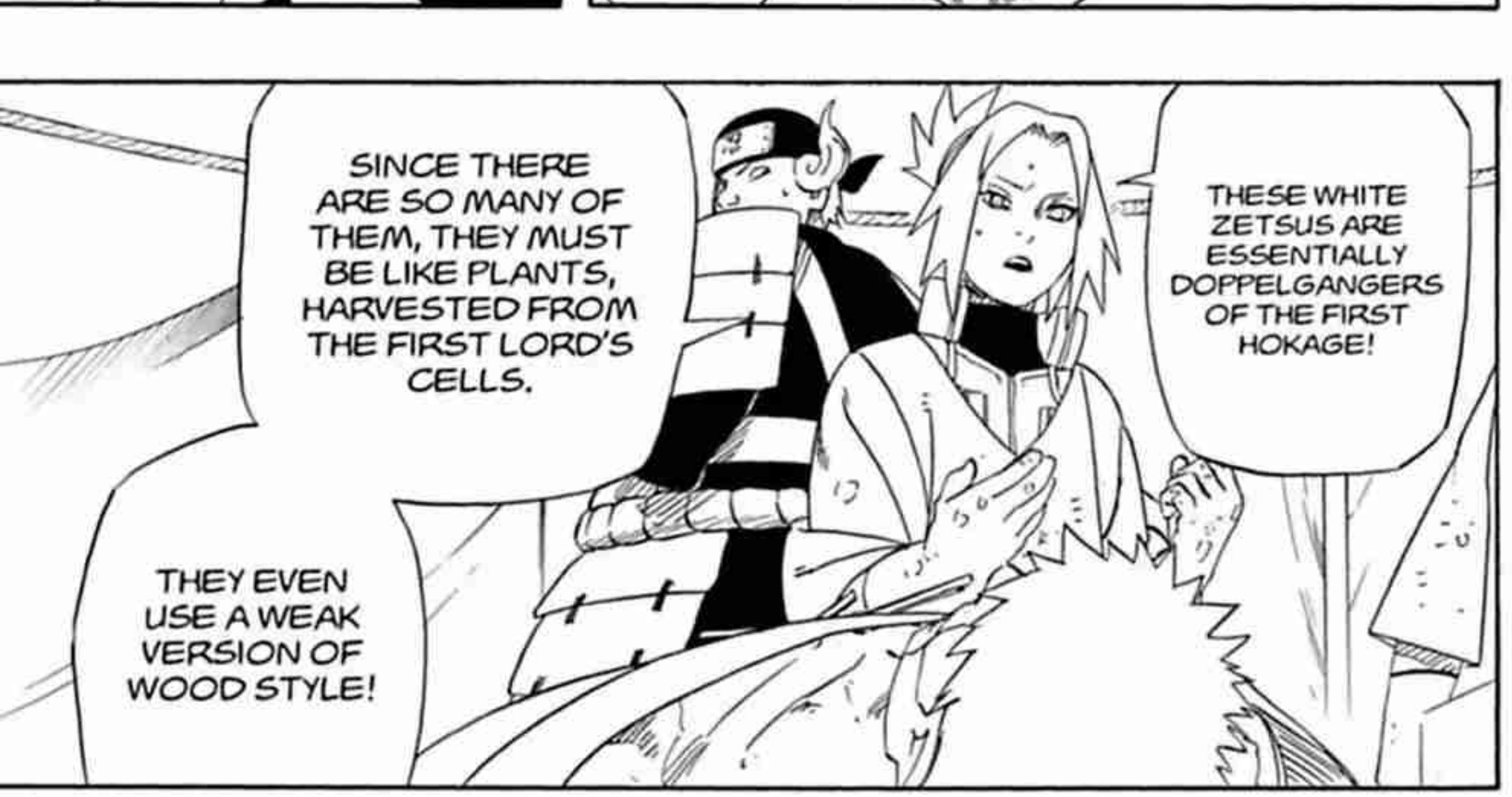
BUT WE MIGHT BE PLAYING RIGHT INTO OUR ENEMY'S HANDS.





HOW ARE THESE WHITE THINGS RELATED TO THE FIRST HOKAGE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!


IT'S ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE FIRST HOKAGE'S GENETIC PROFILE.
IT'S CHANGED TO BE EVEN MORE LIKE CAPTAIN YAMATO'S THAN IT WAS BEFORE, AT THE GOKAGE COUNCIL!!
I THOUGHT SO!


SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM, THEY MUST BE LIKE PLANTS, HARVESTED FROM THE FIRST LORD'S CELLS.
THESE WHITE ZETSUS ARE ESSENTIALLY DOPPELGANGERS OF THE FIRST HOKAGE!
THEY EVEN USE A WEAK VERSION OF WOOD STYLE!

I'M BACK!!
STOMP
THEY'RE USING CAPTAIN YAMATO TO UP THEIR POWER LEVEL.
I'LL LET HQ KNOW RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT.
I DON'T GET IT!
HUNH ?!

SORRY TO JUMP IN, BUT WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE MEDICAL TEAM!

DATA ON THE WHITE BEINGS!

YES, MILADY!

CREAK.

WHITE ZETSUS ARE IMPERSONATING OUR PEOPLE AND CAUSING CHAOS AND PANIC!

PERHAPS TOO NEAT OF A COINCIDENCE, BUT I THINK NARUTO HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO DEAL WITH THEM!

KLIK

KLIK

UNBELIEVABLE. MADARA AND OROCHIMARU'S OBSESSION WITH THE FIRST LORD HAS CREATED THIS?

BOTANICAL NINJA CREATED FROM GRANDFATHER'S BODY.

...

FSH

LET ME SEE!

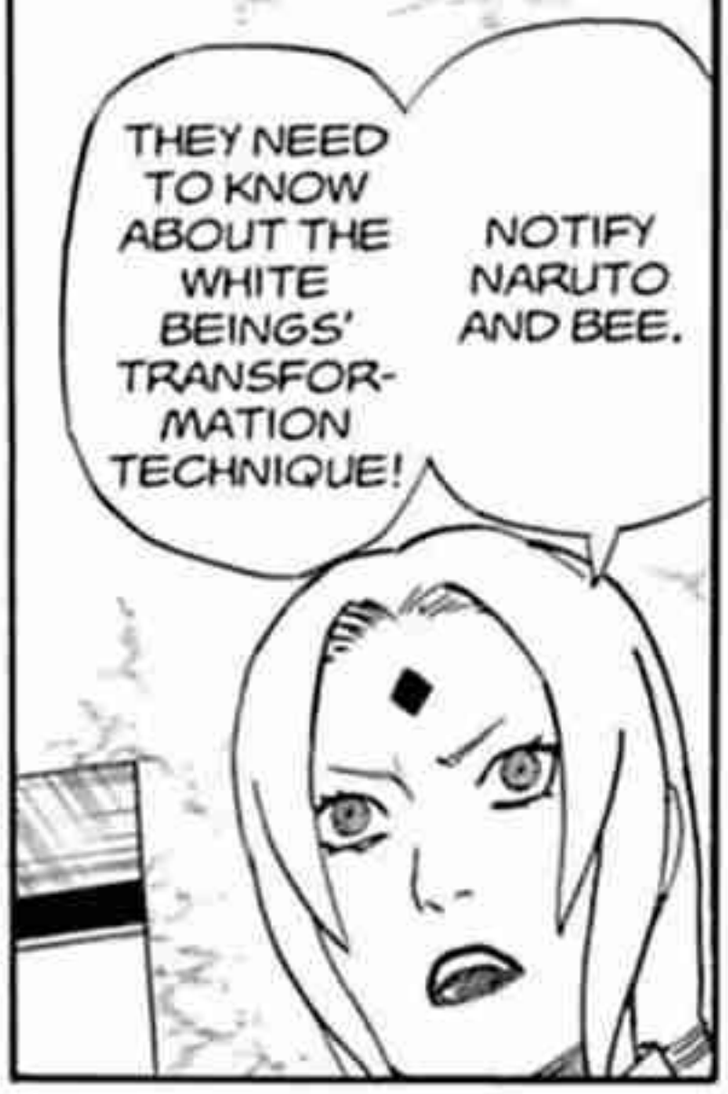
SO NOW WE KNOW HOW TO TAKE MADARA OUT OF THE PICTURE?

HE'S LEARNED TO REPLICATE THEM. WHICH MEANS HE'S PROBABLY USED THEM ON HIMSELF.

NO WONDER HE'S MANAGED TO LIVE THIS LONG.

THIS IS PROOF THAT MADARA HAS POSSESSION OF THE FIRST HOKAGE'S CELLS!

READ THIS WAY
...IMMORTAL!
NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AT ALL.
MADARA IS...
NEGATIVE.


THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WHITE BEINGS' TRANSFORMATION TECHNIQUE!
NOTIFY NARUTO AND BEE.

NOT A SINGLE NORMAL HUMAN AMONG THEM.
AN IMMORTAL BOSS, PEOPLE PLANTS, AND EDOTENSEI ZOMBIES.

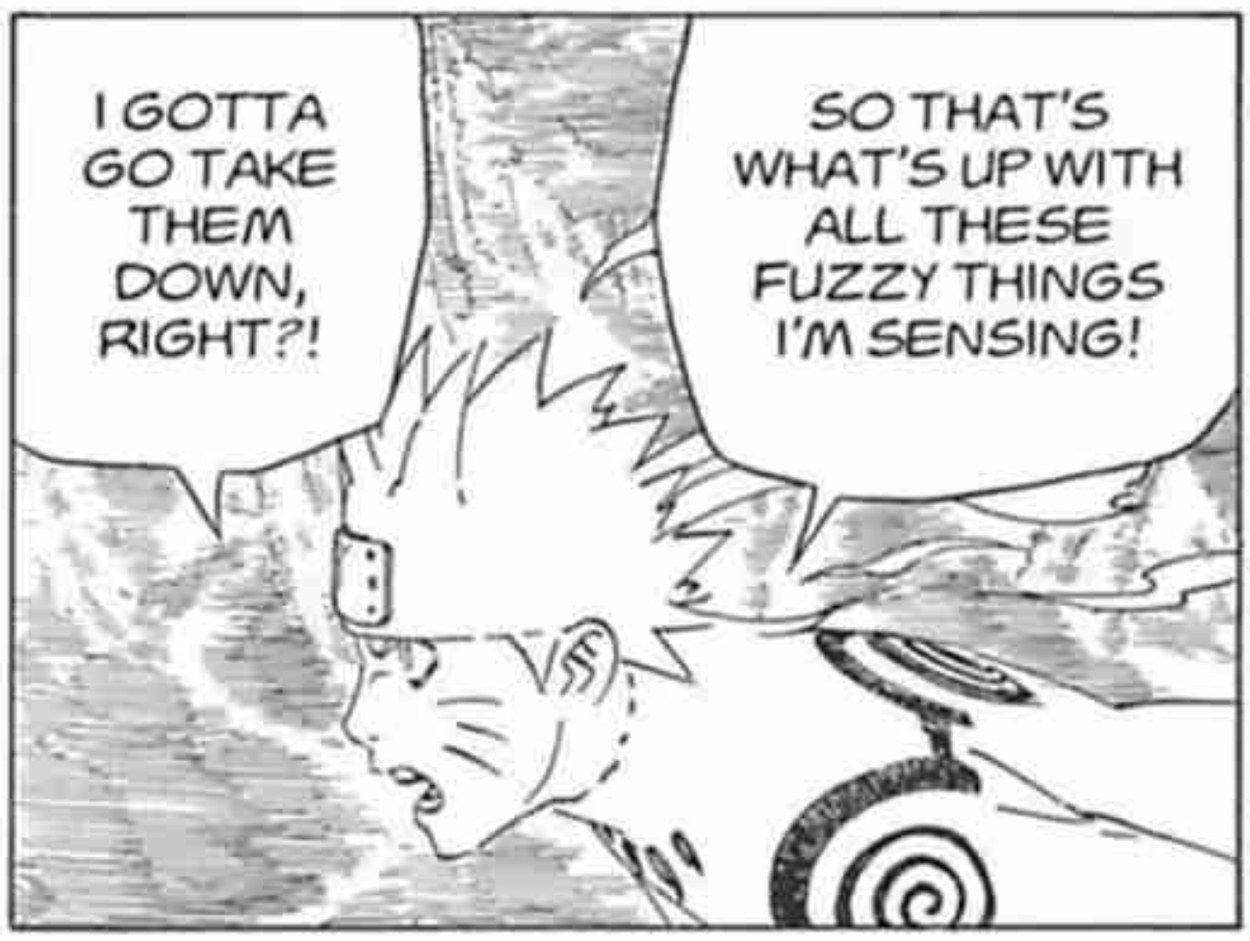
LISTEN TO ME. I'VE GOT INTEL ON THE ENEMY BATTLE STRATEGY.
I'M SPEAKING TELEPATHICALLY TO YOU BOTH.

!
NARUTO, LISTEN.
!
LORD BEE.

SHOMSHOM

SHO

YES! BUT REMEMBER, MADARA NEEDS THE BIJU YOU AND BEE HOST, FOR PROJECT TSUKI NO ME.
YOU TWO ARE HIS TARGETS.


I GOTTA GO TAKE THEM DOWN, RIGHT?!
SO THAT'S WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THESE FUZZY THINGS I'M SENSING!

HE'S A TRUE VILLAIN WHO JUST WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD!
HE DOESN'T REALLY SEEK PEACE.

MADARA IS NOT LIKE PAIN NAGATO.
YOU CAN'T REASON WITH HIM, NARUTO.

HE WON'T CAPTURE ME!
I KNOW!

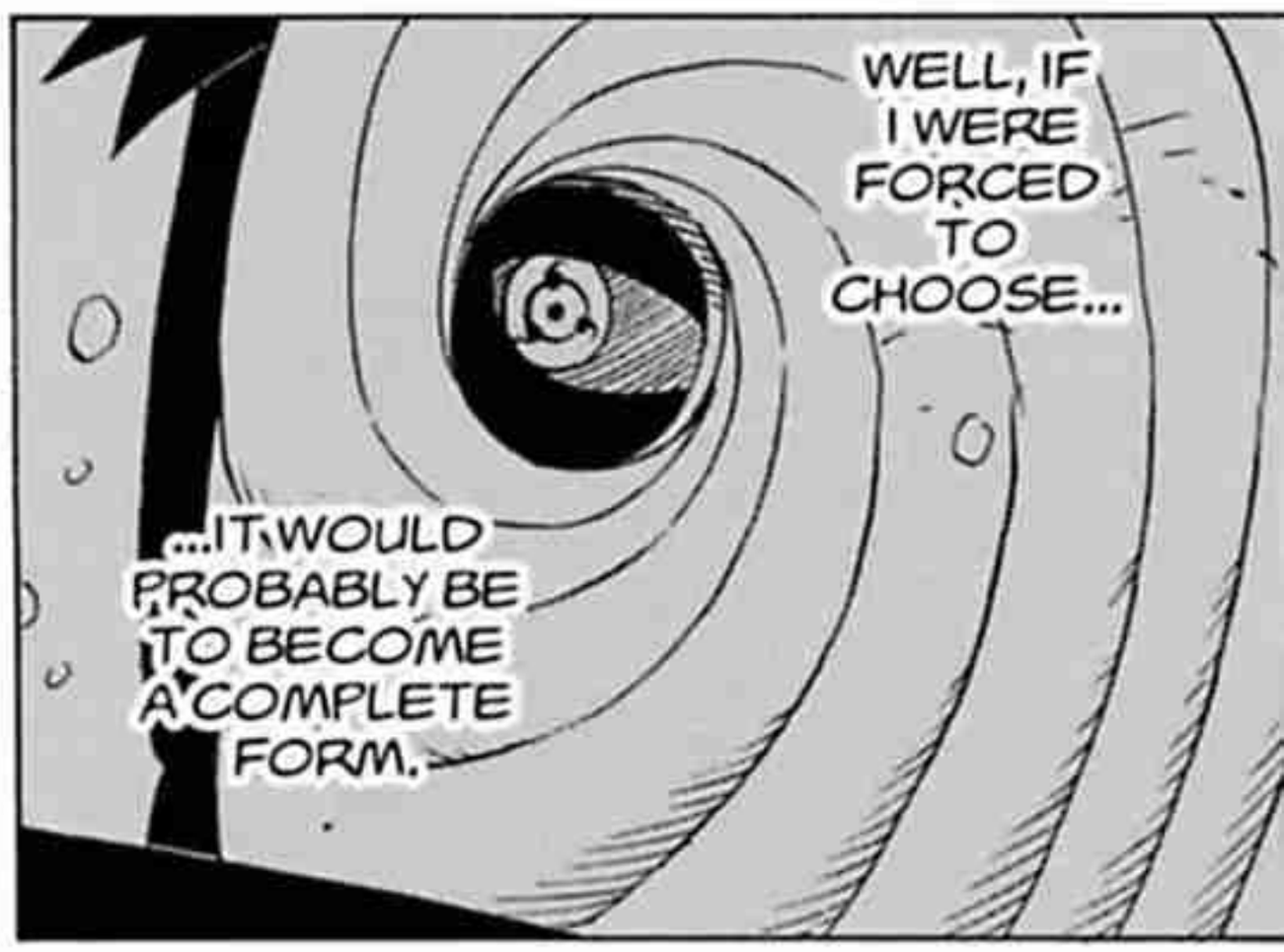
NAGATO JUST HAPPENED TO BE EASILY INFLUENCED.
TO CONTROL OTHERS, YOU MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE THE DARKNESS IN THEIR SOULS.

HEH.
FOR SURE.

WHAT'S YOUR TRUE PURPOSE? WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

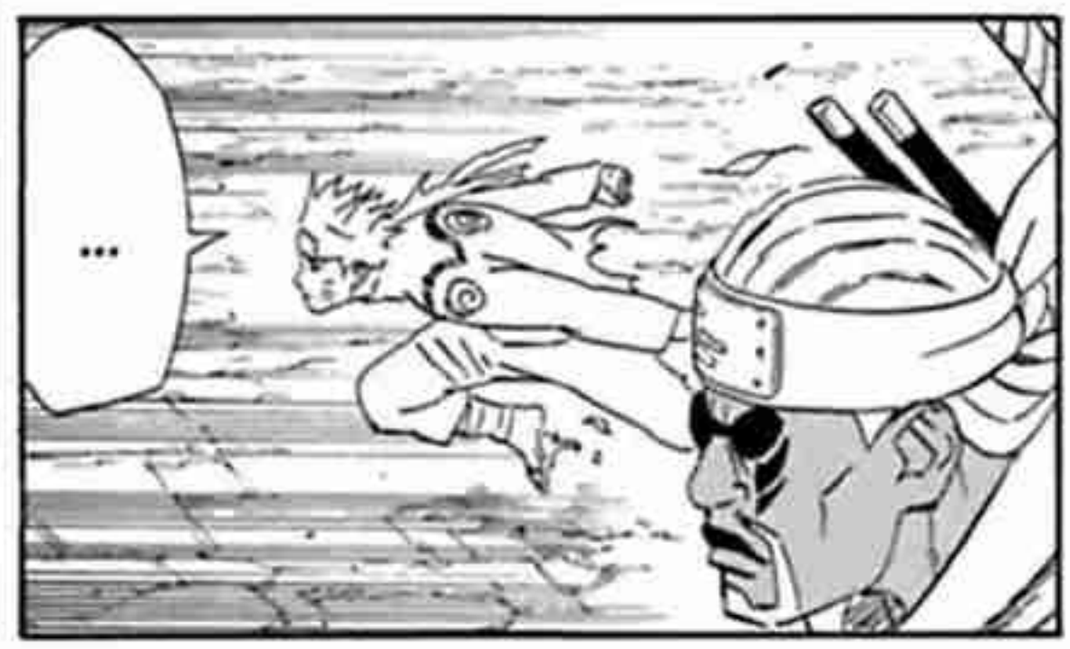
NEVER COMPARE YOURSELF TO NAGATO!!
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT!!
OUR METHODS MAY HAVE DIFFERED, BUT HE TRULY WANTED PEACE!

THAT'S PROJECT TSUKI NO ME?
HE'S GONNA CONTROL EVERYONE USING GENJUTSU?


WELL, IF I WERE FORCED TO CHOOSE...
...IT WOULD PROBABLY BE TO BECOME A COMPLETE FORM.

HE UNDERSTANDS HATRED. HE USED NAGATO. HE'S INFLUENCING SASUKE'S HATE.
I TALKED TO MADARA IN THE LAND OF IRON. HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE UCHIHA DESTINY.
I KNOW HE'S A BAD GUY!

DON'T HOLD BACK!
YES!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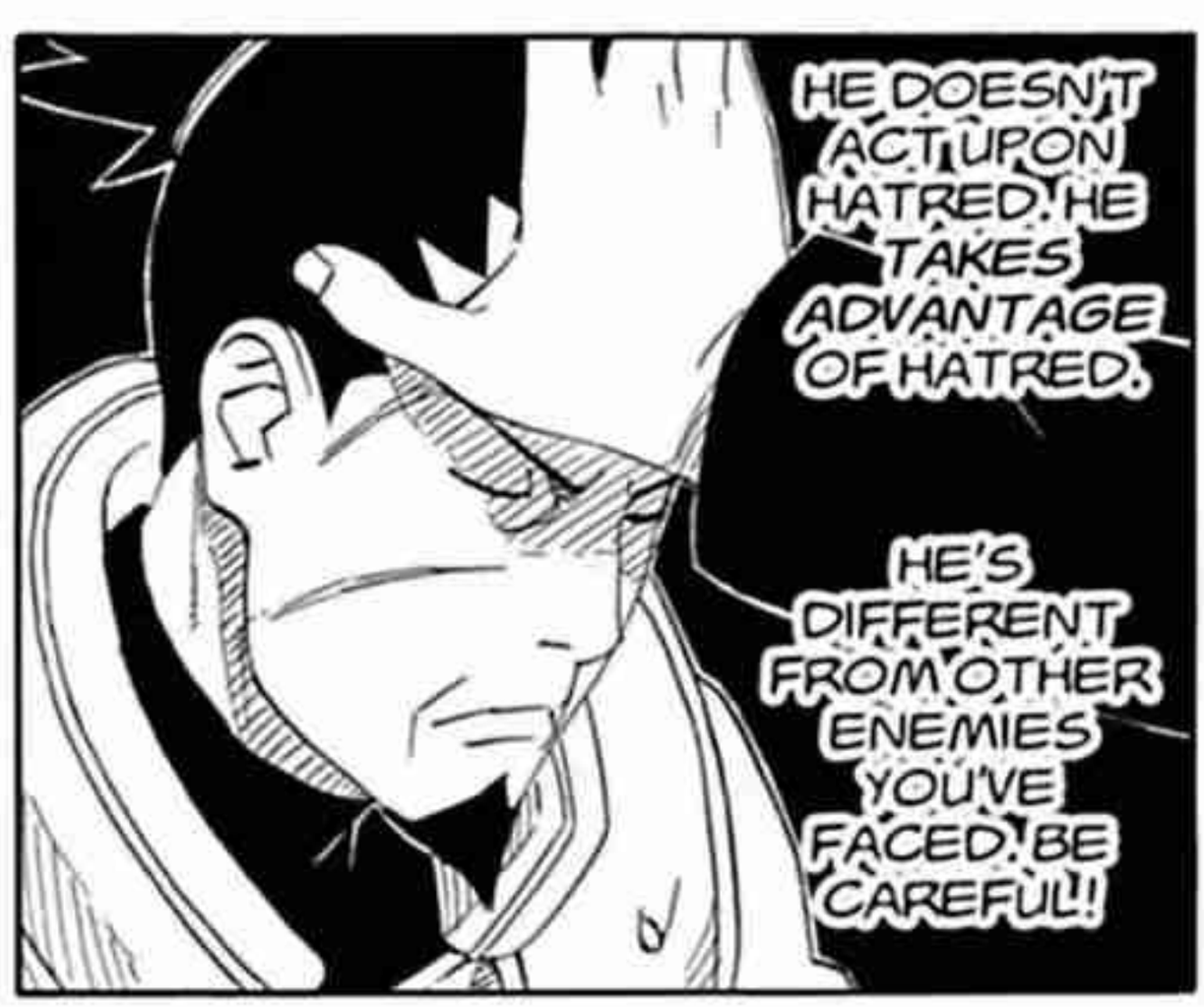
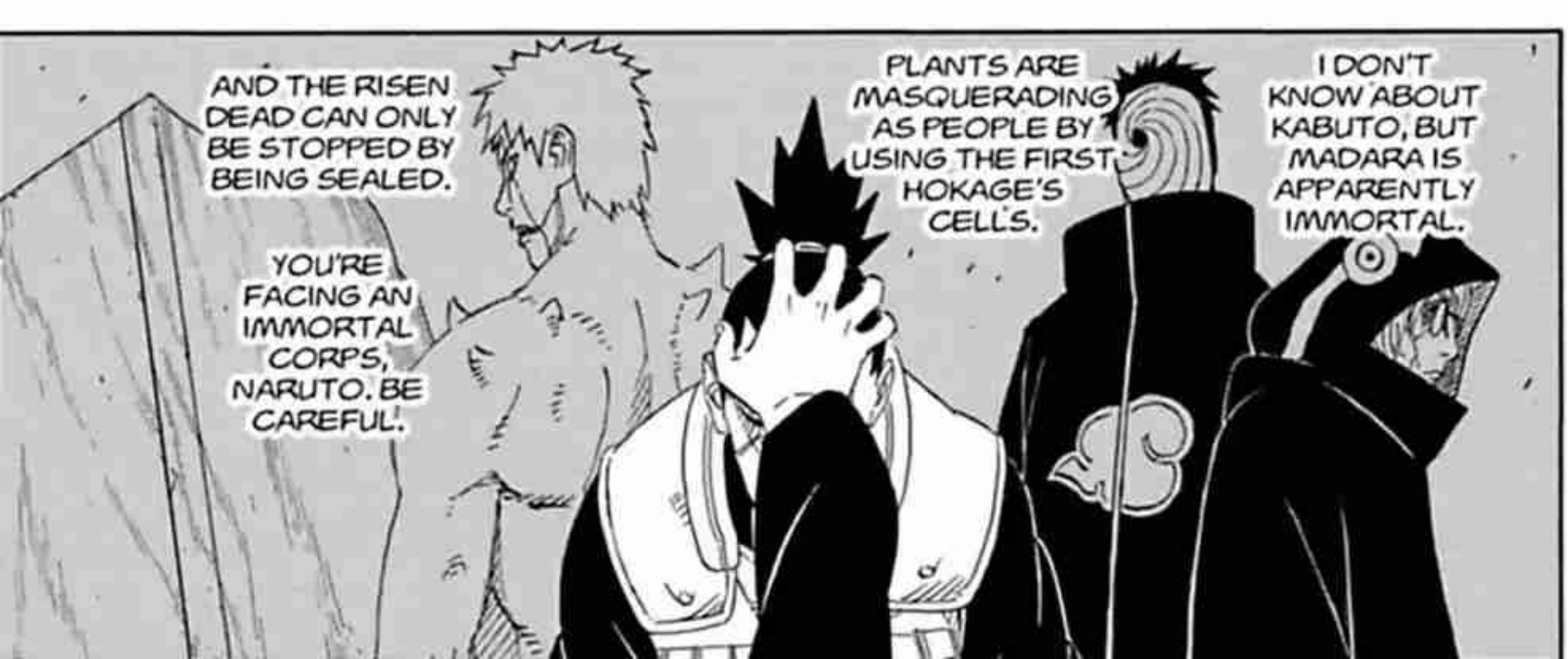
I'M ACTING FIRST AND MAYBE I'LL TRY TO TALK TO HIM AFTER!
I'M STOPPING MADARA AND I'M STOPPING THIS WAR!


HE DOESN'T ACT UPON HATRED. HE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HATRED.
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ENEMIES YOU'VE FACED. BE CAREFUL!


AND THE RISEN DEAD CAN ONLY BE STOPPED BY BEING SEALED.
YOU'RE FACING AN IMMORTAL CORPS, NARUTO. BE CAREFUL!
PLANTS ARE MASQUERADING AS PEOPLE BY USING THE FIRST HOKAGE'S CELLS.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT KABUTO, BUT MADARA IS APPARENTLY IMMORTAL.

CUZ IT MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK!

THAT'S ACTUALLY THE BEST NEWS YOU CAN GIVE ME, YA KNOW!

THAT'S...

SWSH

...

WE NEED TO DEFEND HQ!

THE BATTLE-FIELD IS CHAOS!

EFF!!

?!!

UNGH!

SCREECH

ZWOO

ZWWW

TELL ME WHERE TO ATTACK, SARGE!

NARUTO! YOU'RE IN THE CHARGE.

FSH

FSH

ZWOP

!

THOTHA

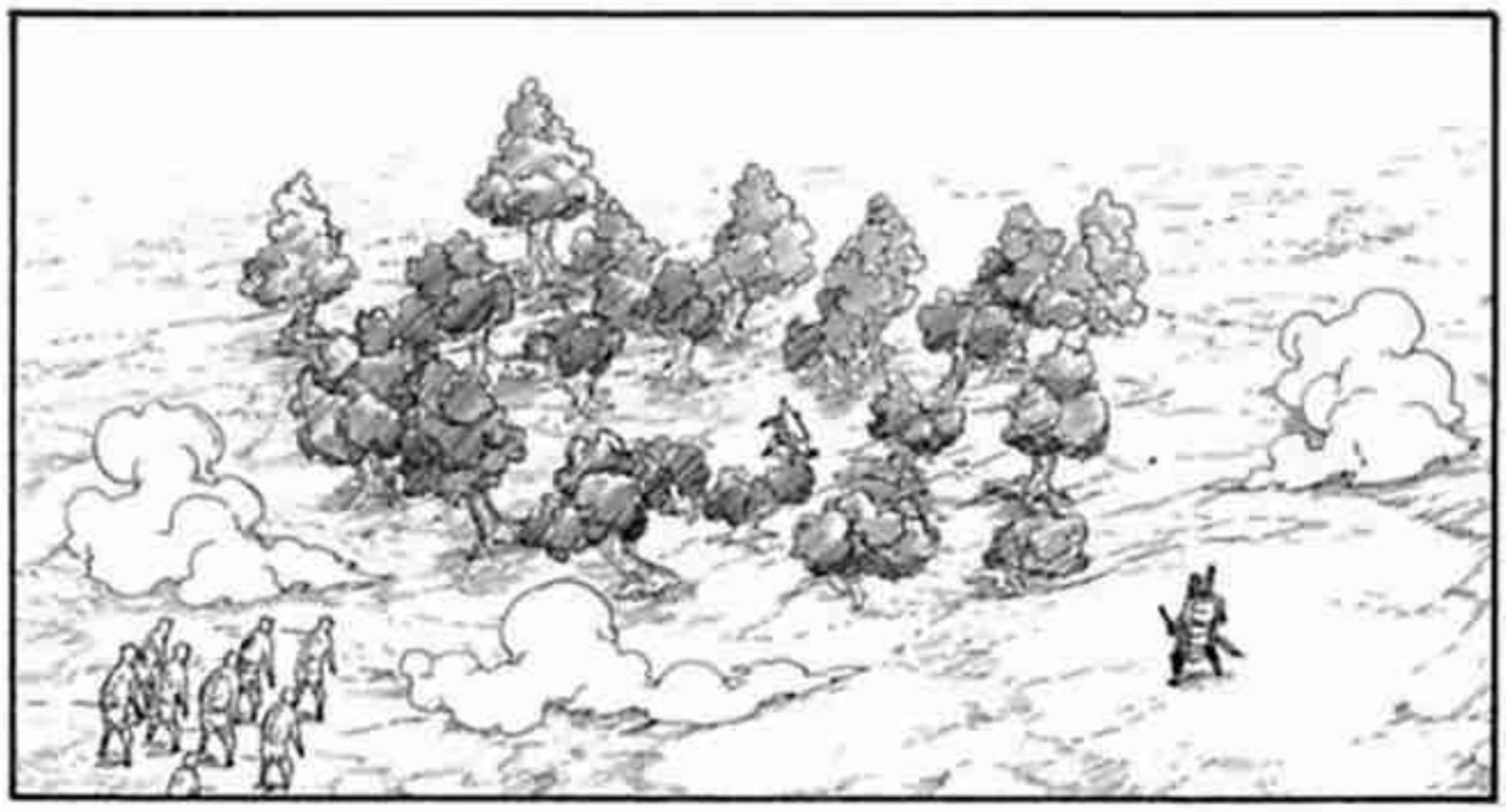
RASEN-RANGAN! RASEN-RAMPAGE!!

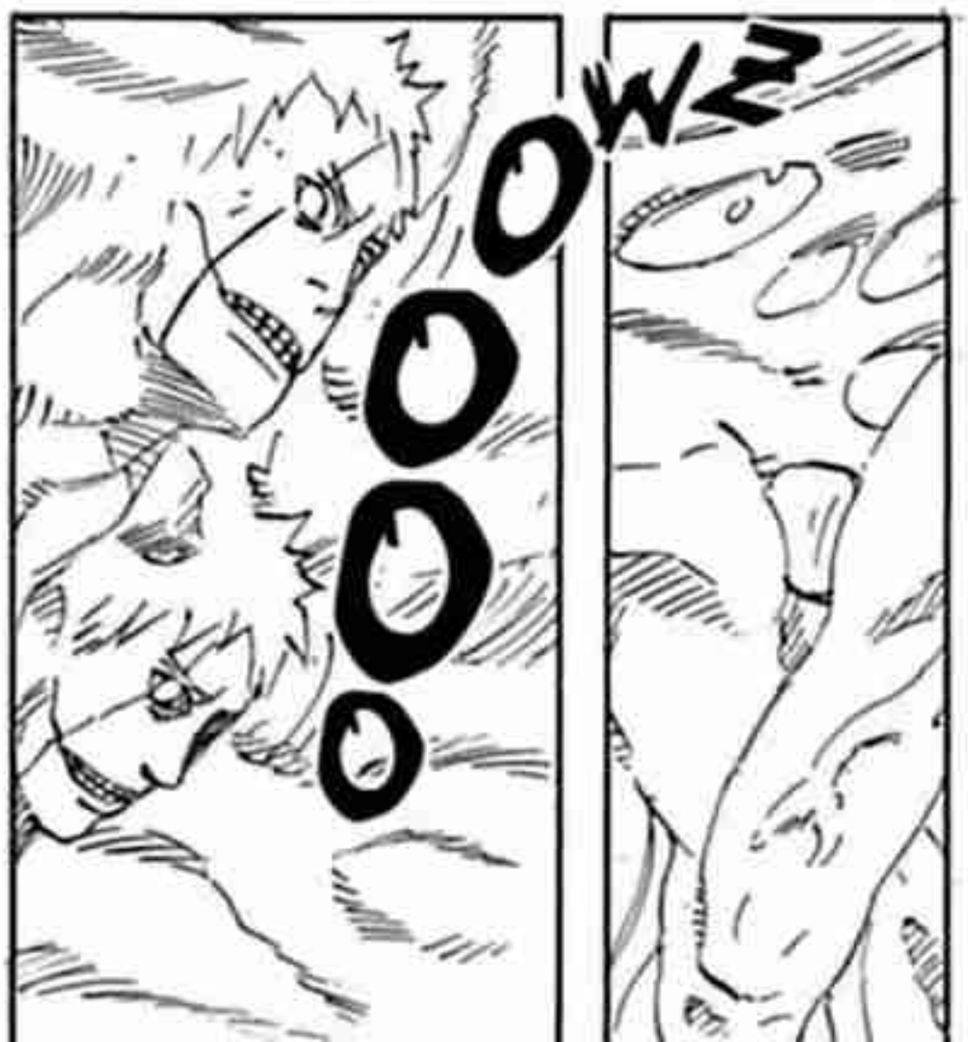
WOOSH

RASEN-KYUGAN! RASEN ABSORPTION !!

WHEEW

ARGH!!





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FSH
YOU WON'T STOP ME THAT EASILY!
ZWOP
WHEEN
MINI RASEN-SHURIKEN.
FWIP

PSH
THOOM
?!
UNGH !!
TH
K
BA
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING! MAYHEM TECHNIQUE!!
SKOSH
AARGH !!

I'M GONNA HIT ALL THE BATTLE-FIELDS AT THE SAME TIME!!
FSH
MY SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER AND MISTER GAMAHIRO CAN STAND WATCH NOW. LET'S GO!
YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR TRAINING DRILLS.♪ CAN I TAKE SOME CREDIT FOR THE KILLS?♪ THEY KEEP COMING, THE THRILLS!♪
ART OF THE MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!!!

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...WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THE WAY FAST!!

F-FOOL!

?!!

CHNK CHNK

NO!

WAH!!

SHUP

THE CHARGE WEAKENS WITH EACH TRANSFER.

AND THOSE THINGS CAN THEN TRANSFER A MAGNET CHARGE TO ANYTHING THEY TOUCH!

HIS JITON PUTS A MAGNETIC CHARGE ONTO ANYTHING HE TOUCHES!

BOOF

BUT YOU WERE THE FIRST TRANSFER POINT, SO YOUR BODY'S HOLDING A MASSIVE CHARGE!

HUH?! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?

SHO

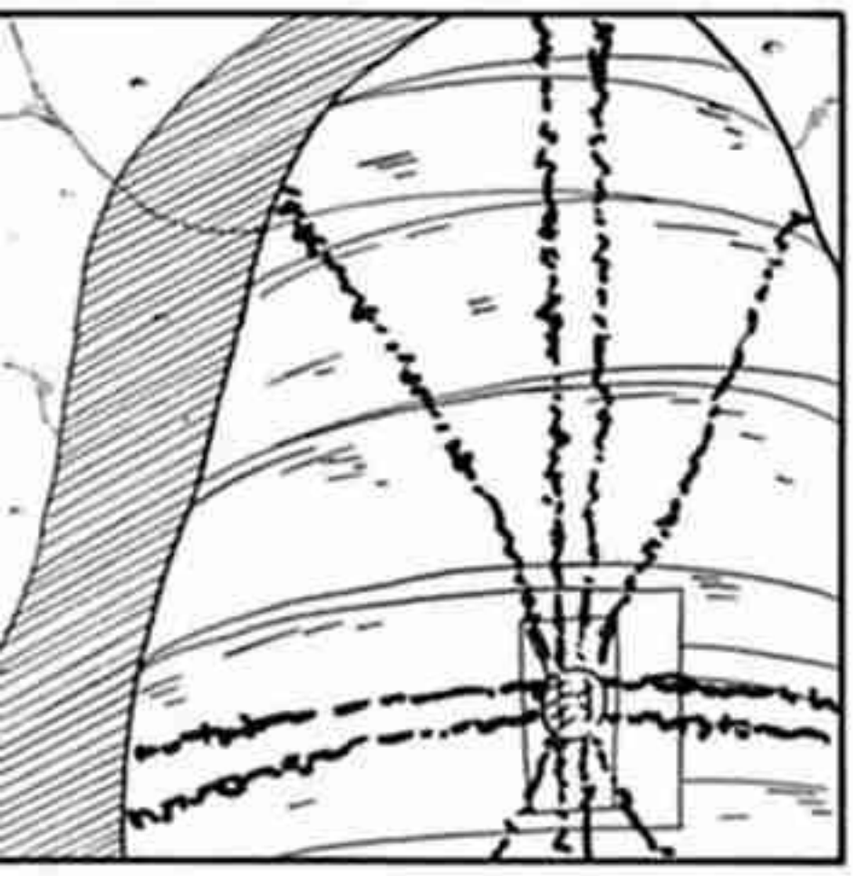
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!!

SO ARE HIS SHURIKEN.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE DRAWN DIRECTLY TO THEM!

YOU'RE MAGNETIZED.

RASENGAN!!



WHAT WAS THAT?!

?!!

DON'T COME HERE. THE WHITE BEINGS ARE PRETENDING TO BE US.
YOU ALL RIGHT? EVERYTHING GOOD? YOU OK?
LORD BEE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

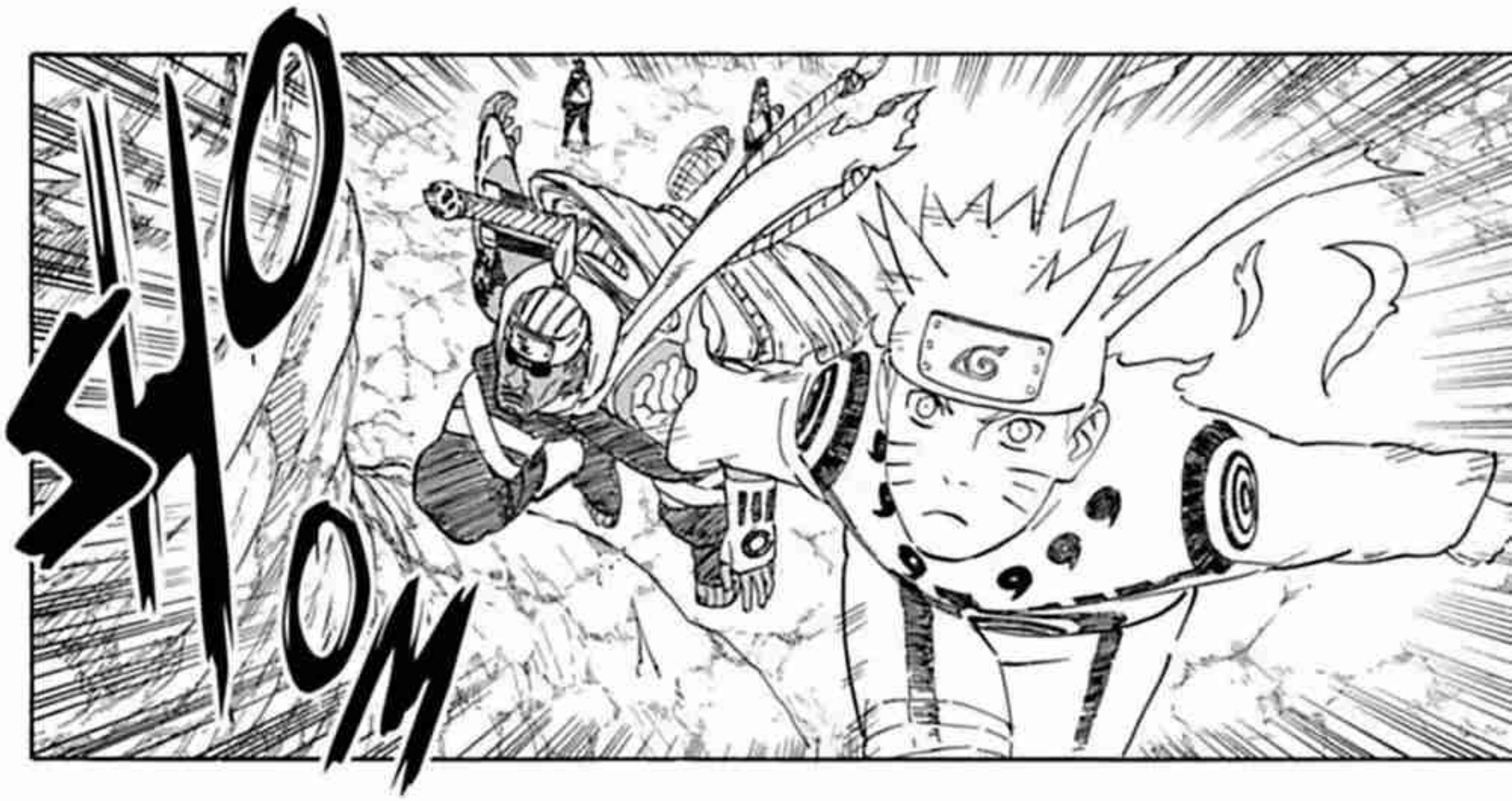
WE WERE RUNNING WITH EFF BACK TOWARDS HQ WHEN WE GOT SEPARATED.

WE'RE GONNA NEED TO SEAL THEM AWAY.
SO HE WAS ONE OF THOSE ZOMBIE GUYS FROM THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU, HUH.

I KNOW.

YEAH!!
OCTOPOPS, WE GOTTA CATCH UP TO EVERYONE ELSE!!
FSH

WHA --?!!
EFF WAS A WHITE BEING ♪
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SEEING ♪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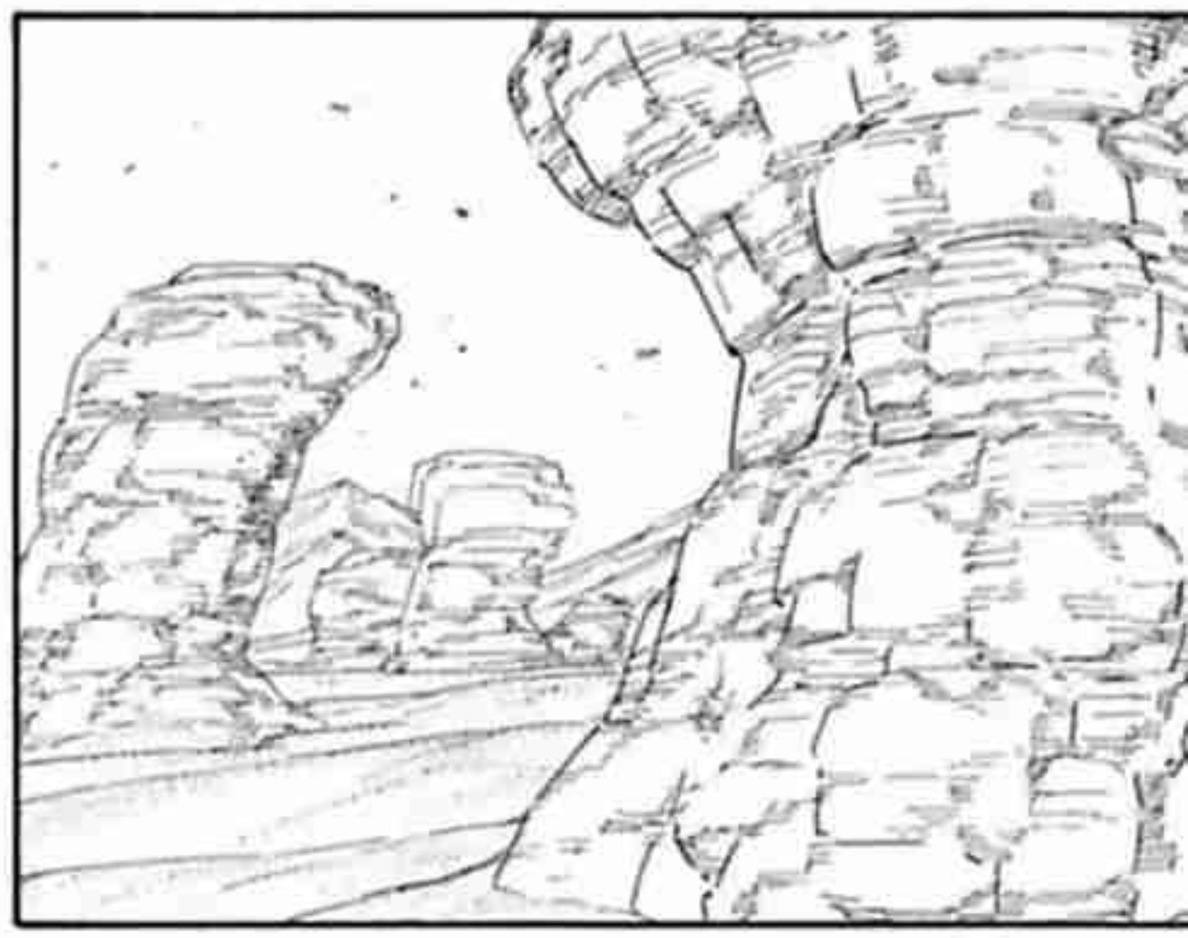

IT IS.
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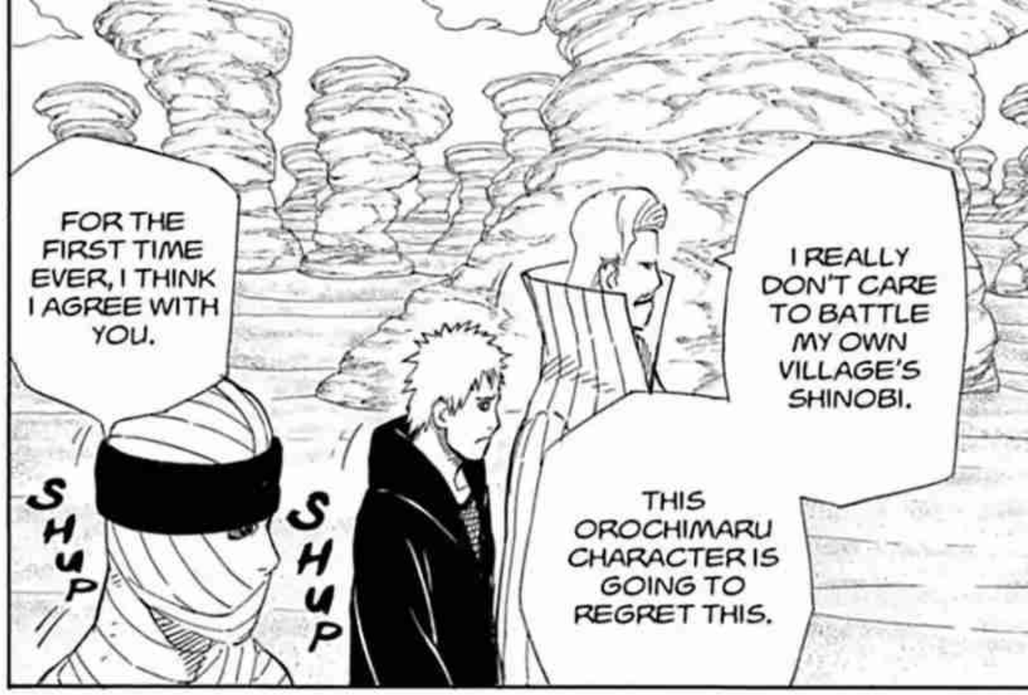
IT'S TIME TO MAKE A STAND!
WE REALLY CAN'T RETREAT ANY FURTHER!
WSH

SEE HOW THE ENEMY RESPONDS!
FIRST, WE TWO SHOULD LAUNCH LONG-RANGE OFFEN-SIVES.

THEY WERE RETREAT-ING SLOWLY.
SHUP
BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE DECISION TIME IS AT HAND.
SHUP

CHOOOOO


FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I THINK I AGREE WITH YOU.
SHUP
SHUP
I REALLY DON'T CARE TO BATTLE MY OWN VILLAGE'S SHINOBI.
THIS OROCHIMARU CHARACTER IS GOING TO REGRET THIS.

THAT WOULD BE NICE.
...

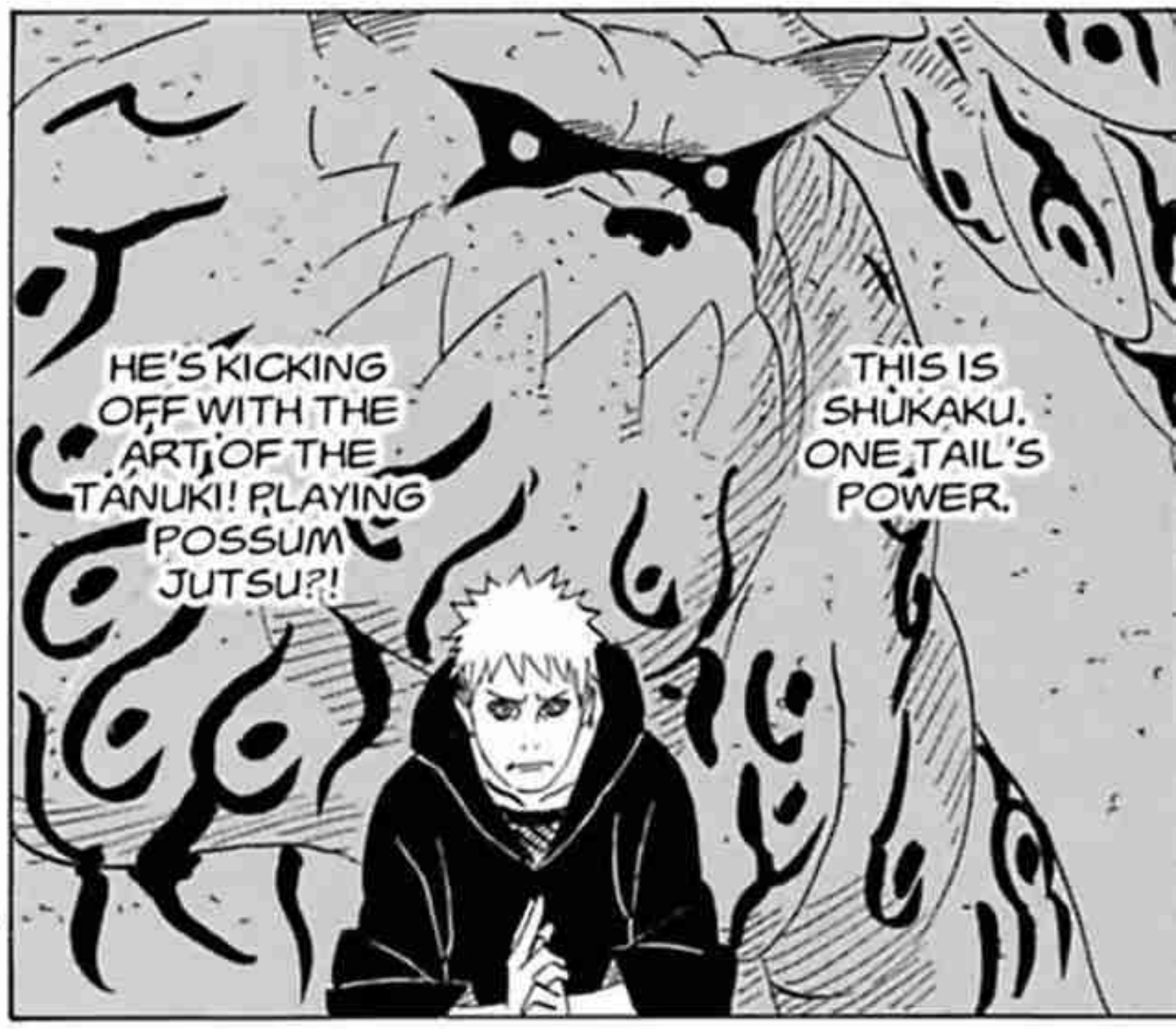
IT'S NOT ALL BAD.
THE GROWN CHILDREN OF OUR VILLAGES WILL SURPASS US.

INCOMING. TWO OF THEM.

WHOA! THAT'S A LOTTA SAND!
WHICH VILLAGE'S SHINOBI IS DOING THIS JUTSU?!

?!!

BAM


HE'S KICKING OFF WITH THE ART OF THE TANUKI! PLAYING POSSUM JUTSU?!
THIS IS SHUKAKU. ONE TAIL'S POWER.

SSH

SWOO

READ THIS WAY
YOU CONTROL GOLD DUST WITH MAGNET STYLE!
GOLD DUST?
VOOS
SHAA

FWOOSH

GOLD DUST IS HEAVIER THAN SAND.
IF I MIX THE GOLD DUST INTO THE SAND, I CAN SLOW IT DOWN.

?!
FWOO
IT STOPPED.

I'D STOP HIS SAND LIKE THIS.
WHEN SHUKAKU THE SAND SPIRIT RAN AMOK...

I'M IMPRESSED. YOU KNEW HOW TO COUNTER!

GAARA! NOT SHUKAKU?!
?!!

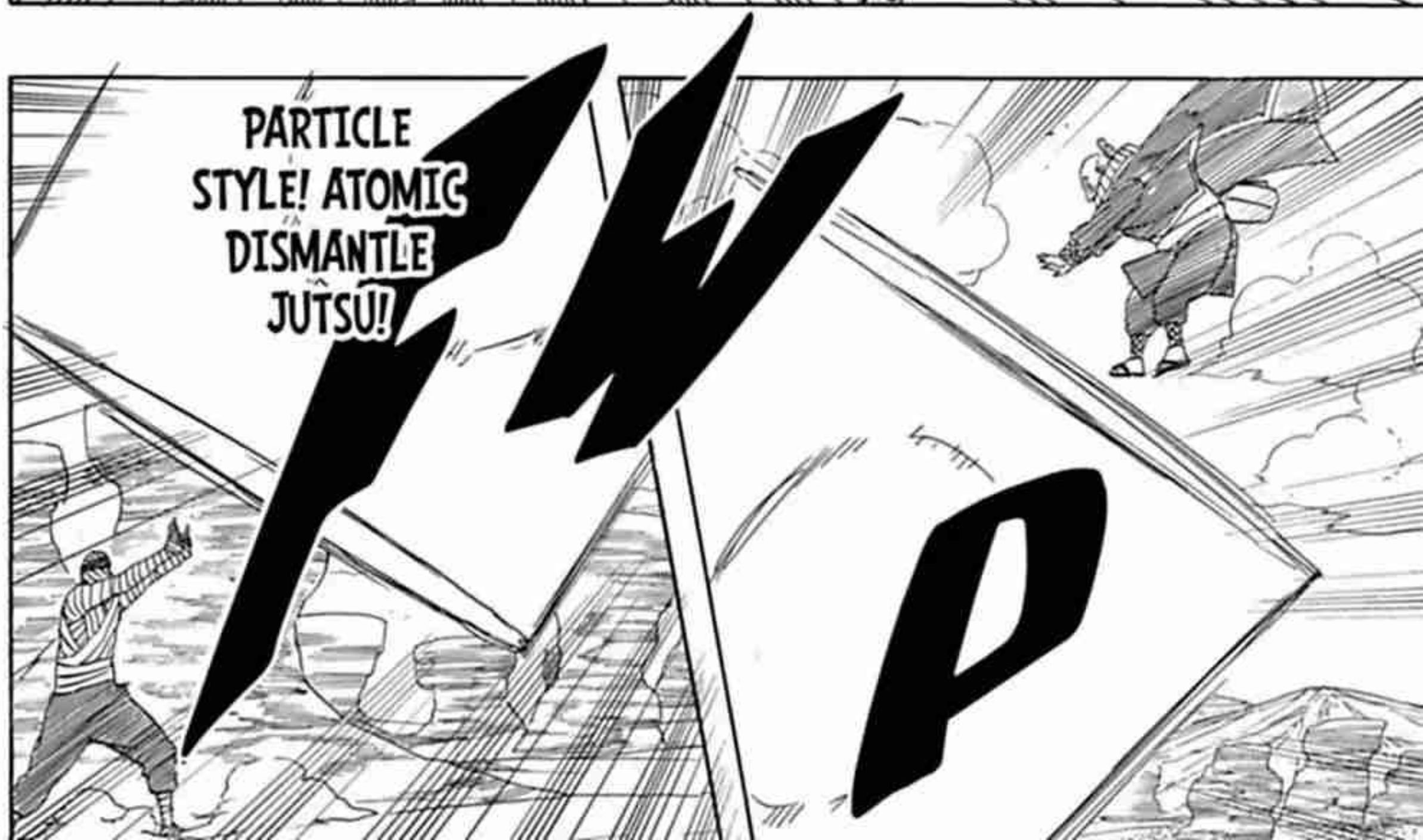
SHOOO

FSH
ZWW

FROM ABOVE, EH.

!
?!
SHOOM
ZWOOO

YOU OWE YOUR AGE TO JINTON?
YOU'RE AN OLD MAN, OHNOKI?
TMP
KWEEN
VWEEN


PARTICLE STYLE! ATOMIC DISMANTLE JUTSU!
KWEEP

KLIVO
SH
KLINK

FOOOSH

HIS SAND HAND IS EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
BAM

HIS MAGNET STYLE IS JUST AS POWERFUL AS EVER!
MY DEAR PREDE-CESSOR'S JINTON.

FWOP
FWOP
FWOP

SWOO

WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL!

SWSH

GAARA, WHERE'S SHUKAKU?

FATHER. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

THAT WAS JINTON. DON'T TELL ME THAT'S YOUR DISCIPLE, THE BRAT OHNOKI?!

NOW I REALLY FEEL LIKE I'VE TIME-TRAVELED.

I AM NO LONGER THE JINCHÛRIKI THAT YOU CREATED, FATHER.

愛

LONG GONE.

NARUTO

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WE MUST PROTECT IT.

IT IS A LEADER'S DUTY TO ELIMINATE THREATS AGAINST ONE'S VILLAGE.

I AM ALSO KAZEKAGE.

Number 547: Valued Treasures!!

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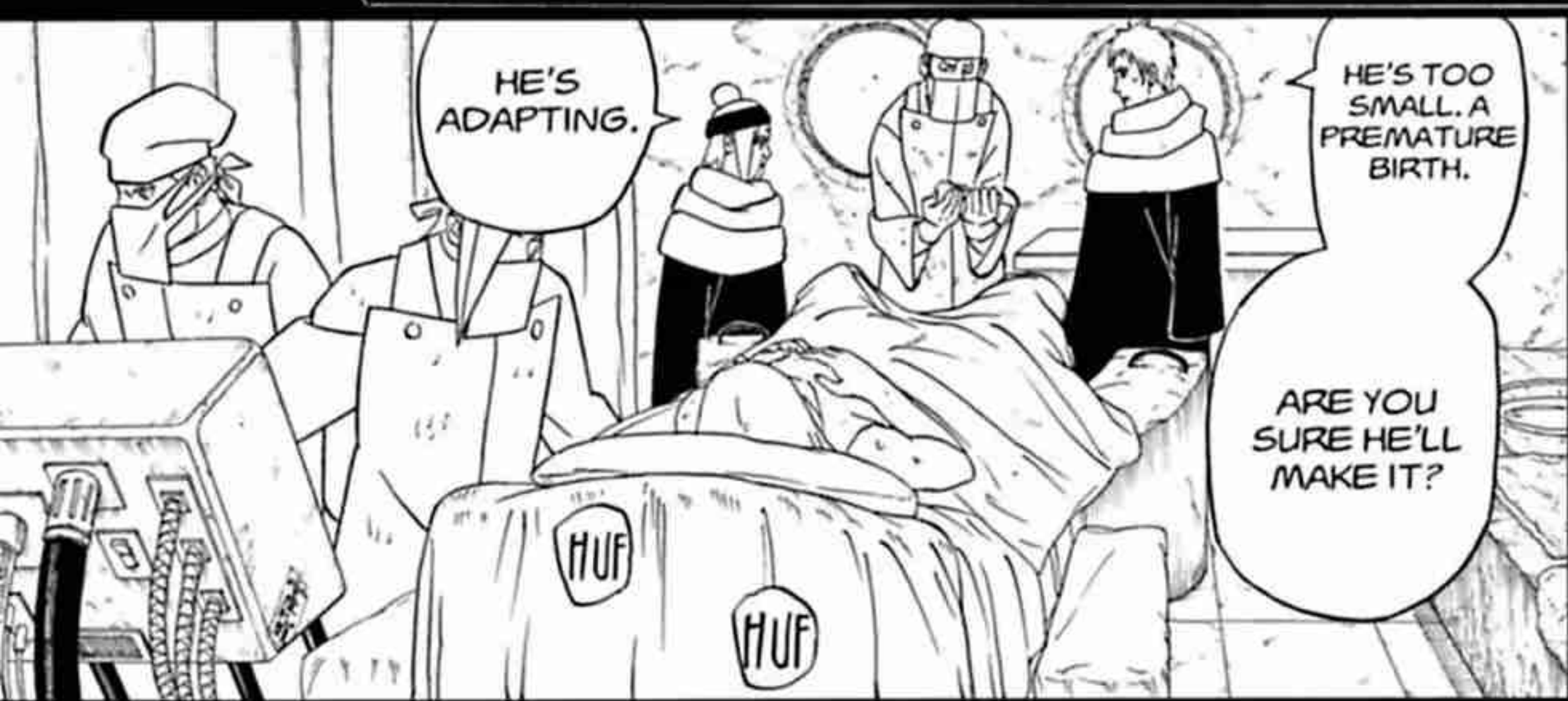
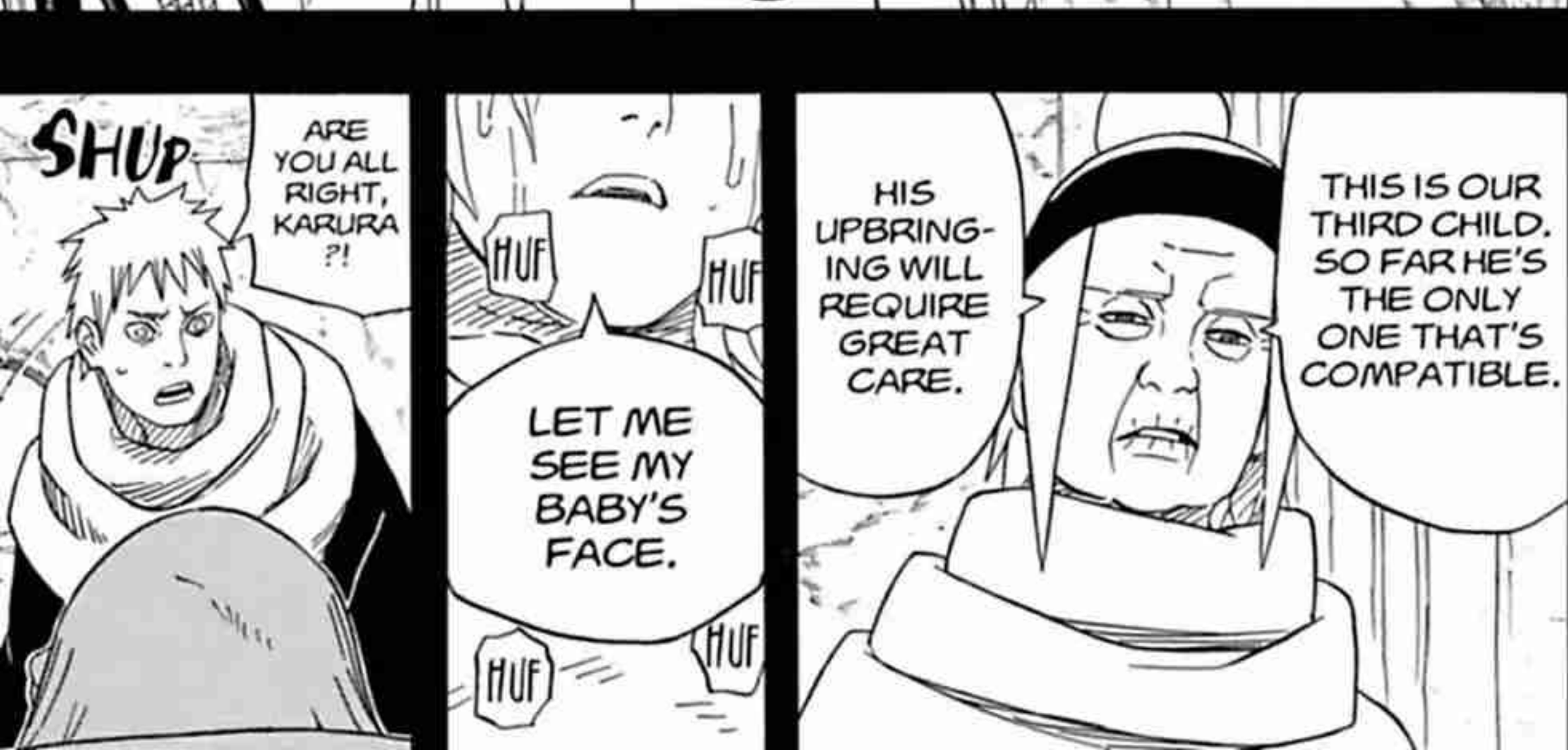
...

UH, SO WHAT ABOUT YOUR MINI GOATEE, THEN, MIZUKAGE?
I'M JUST THE SAME!
WHAT YOU LACK IN EYEBROWS YOU MAKE UP FOR WITH CHARISMA!
OK, I'LL CHEER YOU ON IF YOU'RE GOING TO START KILLING SOMEONE. START WITH THE MUMMY!
HE'S YOUR SON, EH. HE'S A GOOD SHINOBI.


HE'S ADAPTING.
HE'S TOO SMALL. A PREMATURE BIRTH.
ARE YOU SURE HE'LL MAKE IT?
HUF
HUF


SHUP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KARURA ?!
HUF
HUF
LET ME SEE MY BABY'S FACE.
HUF
HUF
HIS UPBRING-ING WILL REQUIRE GREAT CARE.
THIS IS OUR THIRD CHILD. SO FAR HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT'S COMPATIBLE.

FSH

DO SOME-THING! HURRY!!

LADY KARURA'S HEART RATE IS DROPPING.

HUF

HUF

HE'S SO TINY.

THE RAMPAGES HAVE BEGUN.

THAT CHILD IS A FAILURE, AS WELL.

SIGH

AND WE HAVE TO STOP SHUKAKU!

WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER LANDS.

WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE IF WE CAN'T MAINTAIN OUR DEFENSES, SUNAGAKURE WILL BE WEAKENED BEYOND ALL REPAIR.

YES, SIR.

YASHAMARU, I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU LATER.

REGARDING GAARA...

THE NEW JINCHÛRIKI IS A FAILURE. OUR VILLAGE STABILITY NOW RELIES ON OUR KAZEKAGE'S JUTSU DEVELOPMENT AND OUR GOLD DUST TRADE.

FIND GAARA AFTER THE VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED.

WE SHALL ASSESS GAARA TOMOR-ROW.

...

I HAVE PLACED VALUE ON MANY THINGS.

LORD GAARA IS STILL A CHILD.

BUT HIS WORTH, I HAVE NOT YET DECIDED.

IF HE DOESN'T GO BERSERK, I WON'T KILL HIM.

TELL HIM ABOUT HIS MOTHER. TEST HIM EMOTIONALLY.

...

ARE YOU SURE?

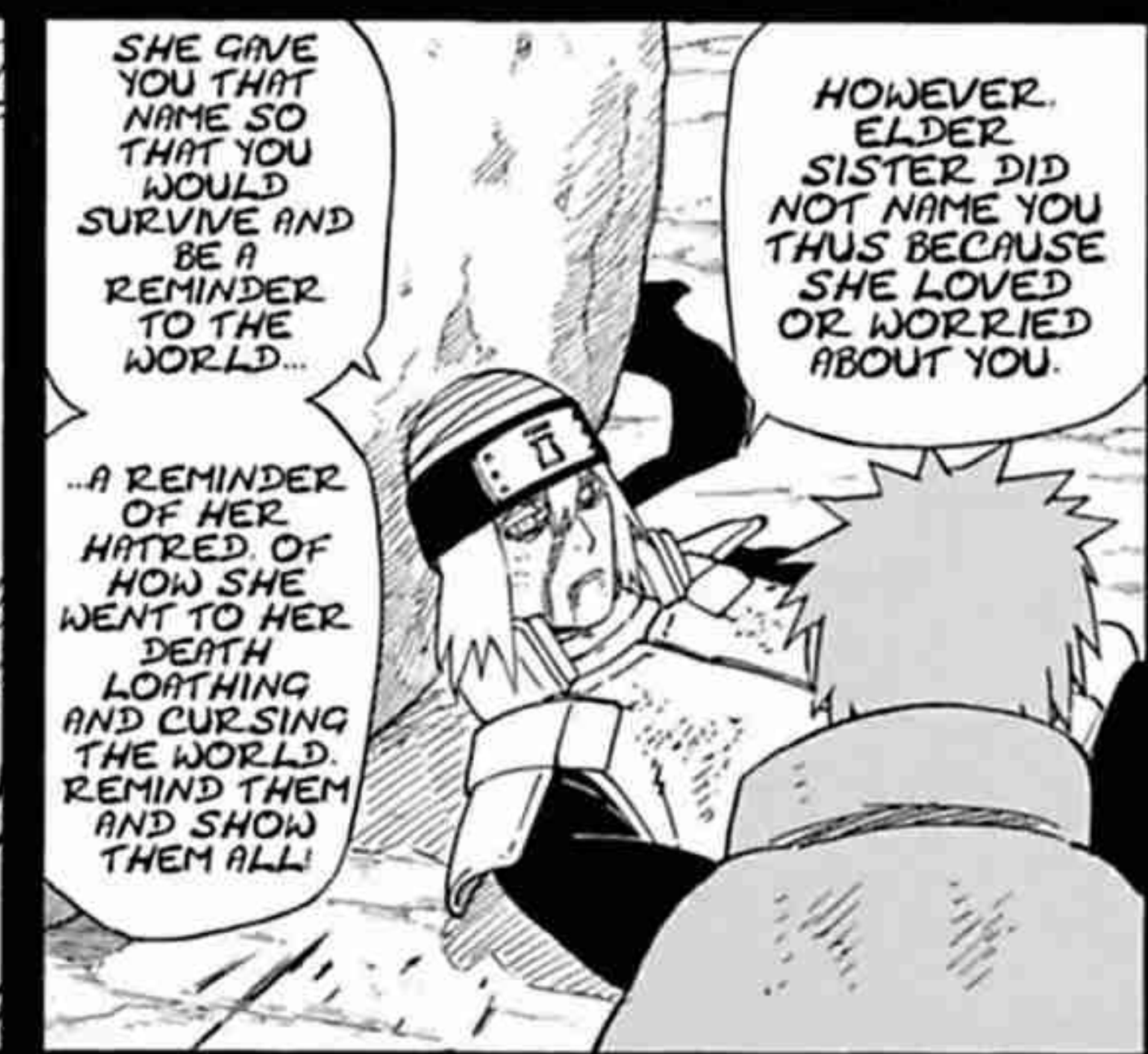
TELL HIM ABOUT MY SISTER?

BRING HER UP.

HE CAN'T BE JINCHÛRIKI IF HE CAN'T MAINTAIN CALM UNDER EMOTIONAL DURESS.

HE LOVES HIS MOTHER... KARURA.

NO, YOU WERE NEVER LOVED!


SHE GAVE YOU THAT NAME SO THAT YOU WOULD SURVIVE AND BE A REMINDER TO THE WORLD...
...A REMINDER OF HER HATRED. OF HOW SHE WENT TO HER DEATH LOATHING AND CURSING THE WORLD. REMIND THEM AND SHOW THEM ALL!
HOWEVER, ELDER SISTER DID NOT NAME YOU THUS BECAUSE SHE LOVED OR WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

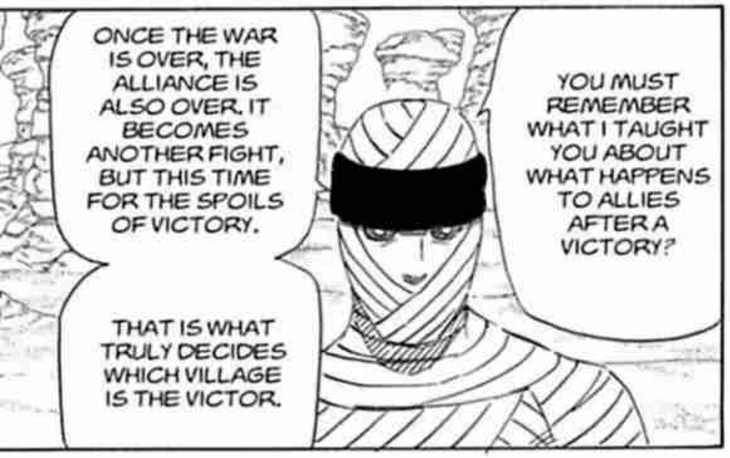
RRR RR RROAR

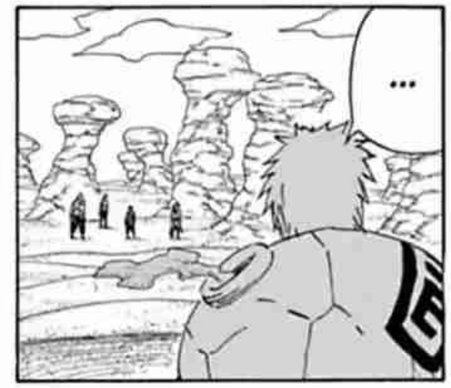
GAARA IS USELESS.
A FAILURE.

SO

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

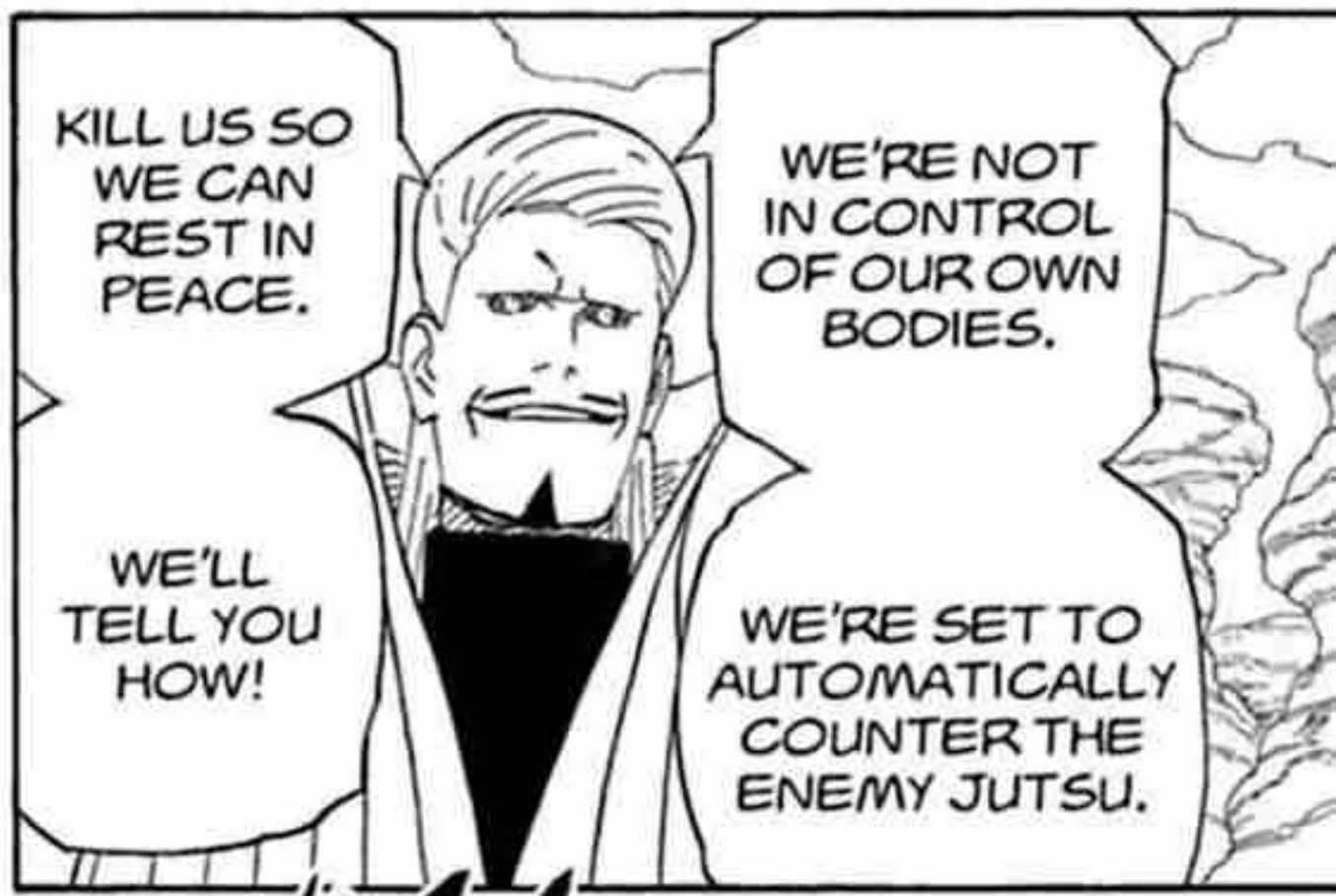




YOU'RE NOT SUCH AN OLD FOOL, THEN.
...
I SEE.

I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF DOING ANY SUCH THING, LORD MU.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.
BUT YOU HAVE TO STOP US!


KILL US SO WE CAN REST IN PEACE.
WE'LL TELL YOU HOW!
WE'RE NOT IN CONTROL OF OUR OWN BODIES.
WE'RE SET TO AUTOMATICALLY COUNTER THE ENEMY JUTSU.

BAM

BAM

RRRRRROAR

SH

MOOO

ERRRIW

SWOOSH

SHOOM

SAND HAIL!!

SHOOOM

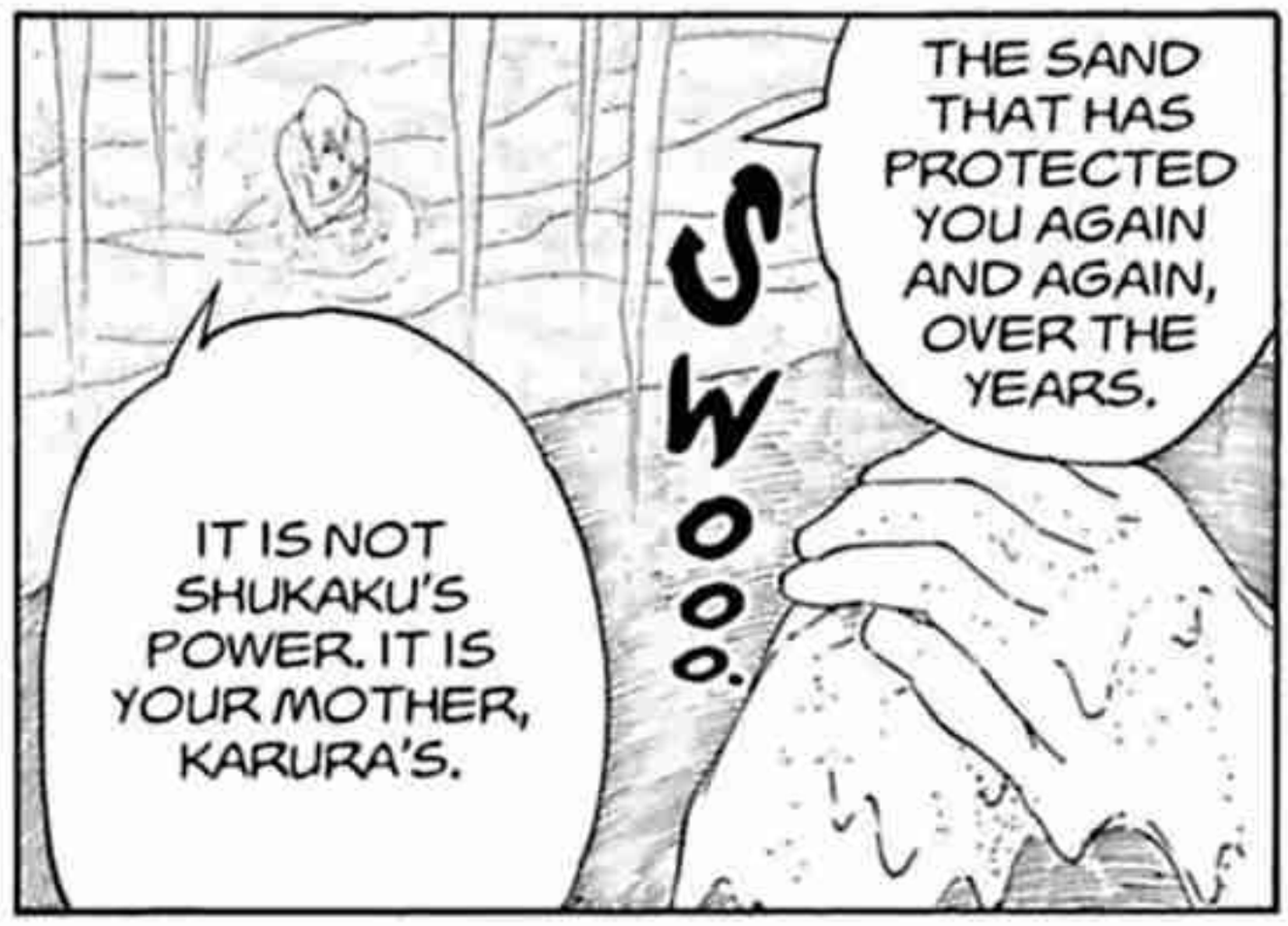
!!

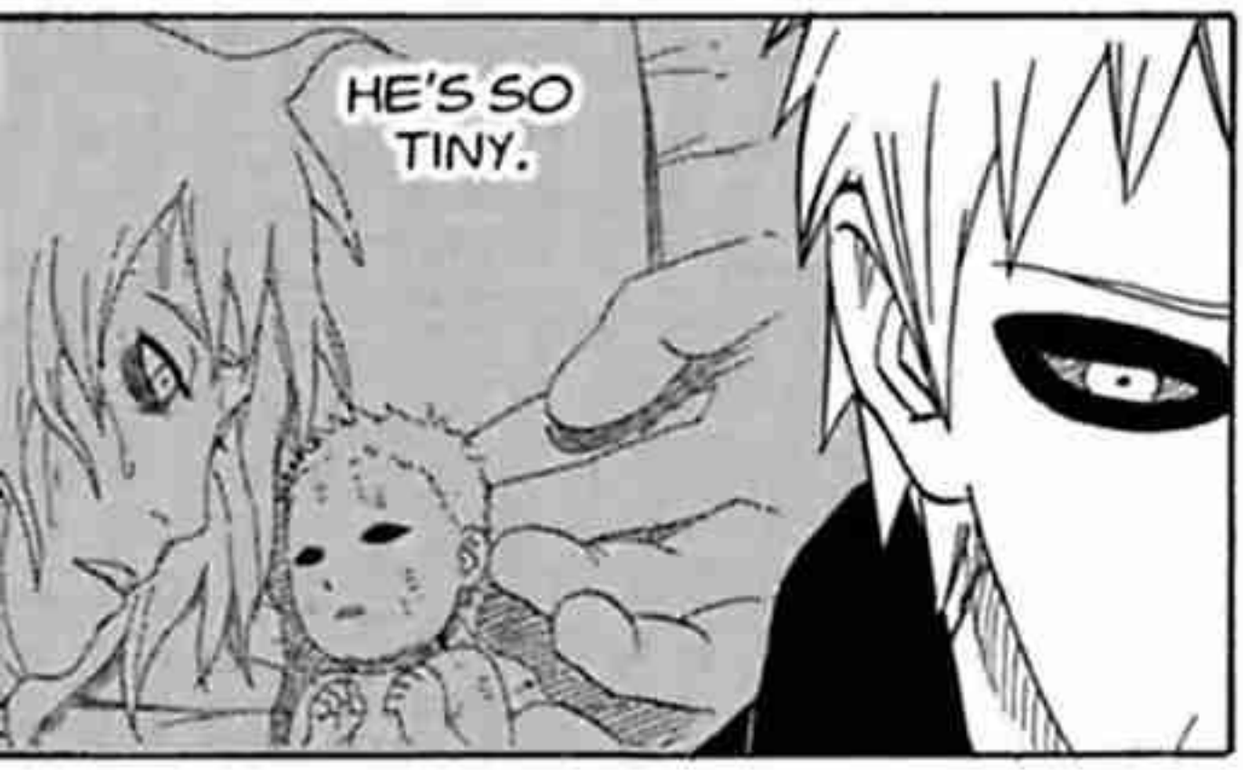
THO THO THO THO THO THO THO THO THO THO

FSH
SWOOSH
SHOOOM
!
!!
!
!
YOU'VE TRULY GROWN UP... GAARA.
ZWW.
THAT REALLY IS FATHER!!
KARURA!
YOU STILL LIVE ON INSIDE THIS CHILD.
THUD

JUST THAT LITTLE BIT IS THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE.

PARENTS OUGHT TO TRUST THEIR CHILDREN.




HE'S SO TINY.

...!

...GAARA.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU...

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YOUR MOTHER LOVED YOU.

NARUTO

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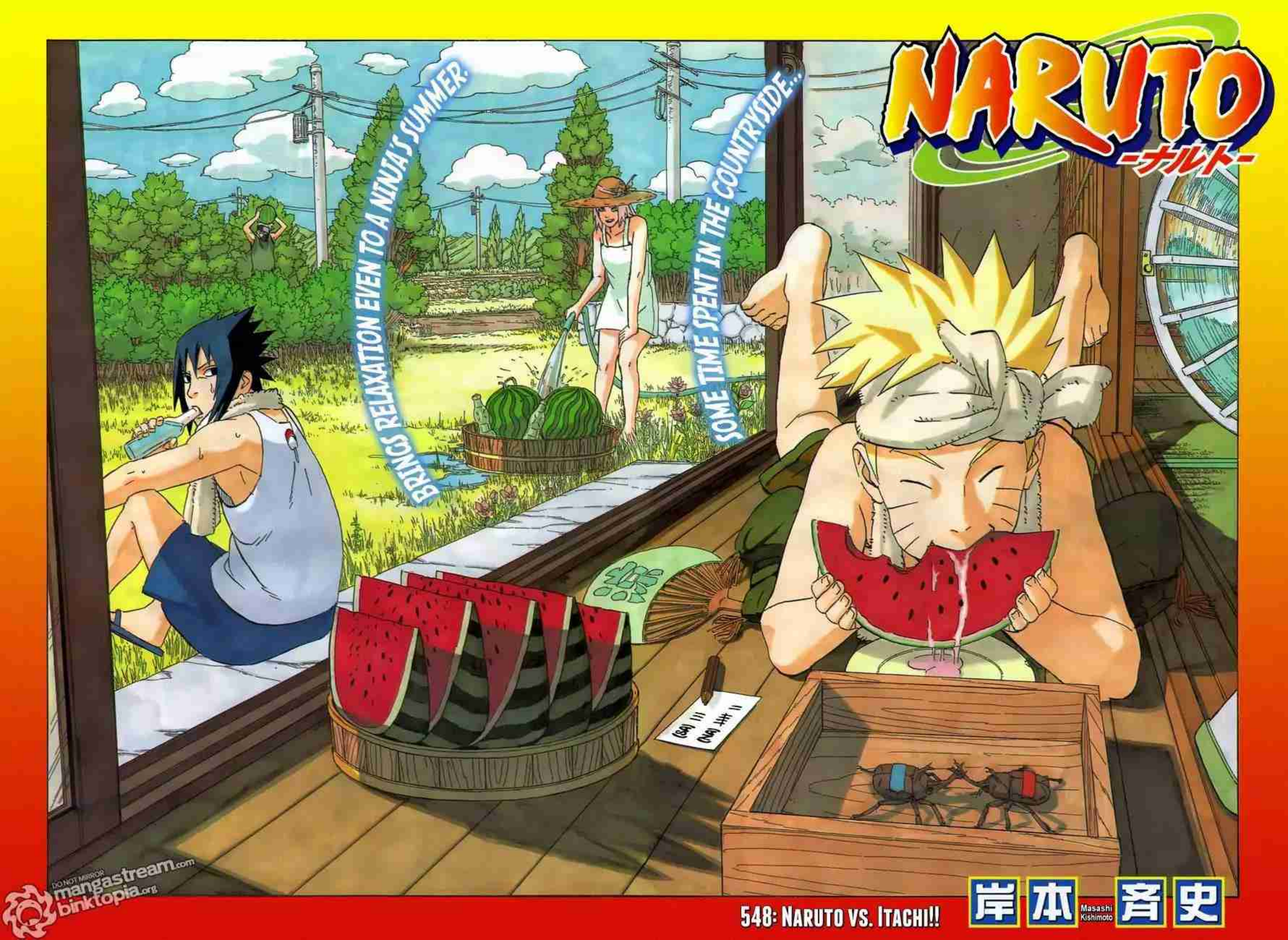

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NARUTO

MOTHER ...
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...LOVED ME?

NO, YOU WERE NEVER LOVED.
...WHEN YASHAMARU CAME AFTER ME.

BUT...
...

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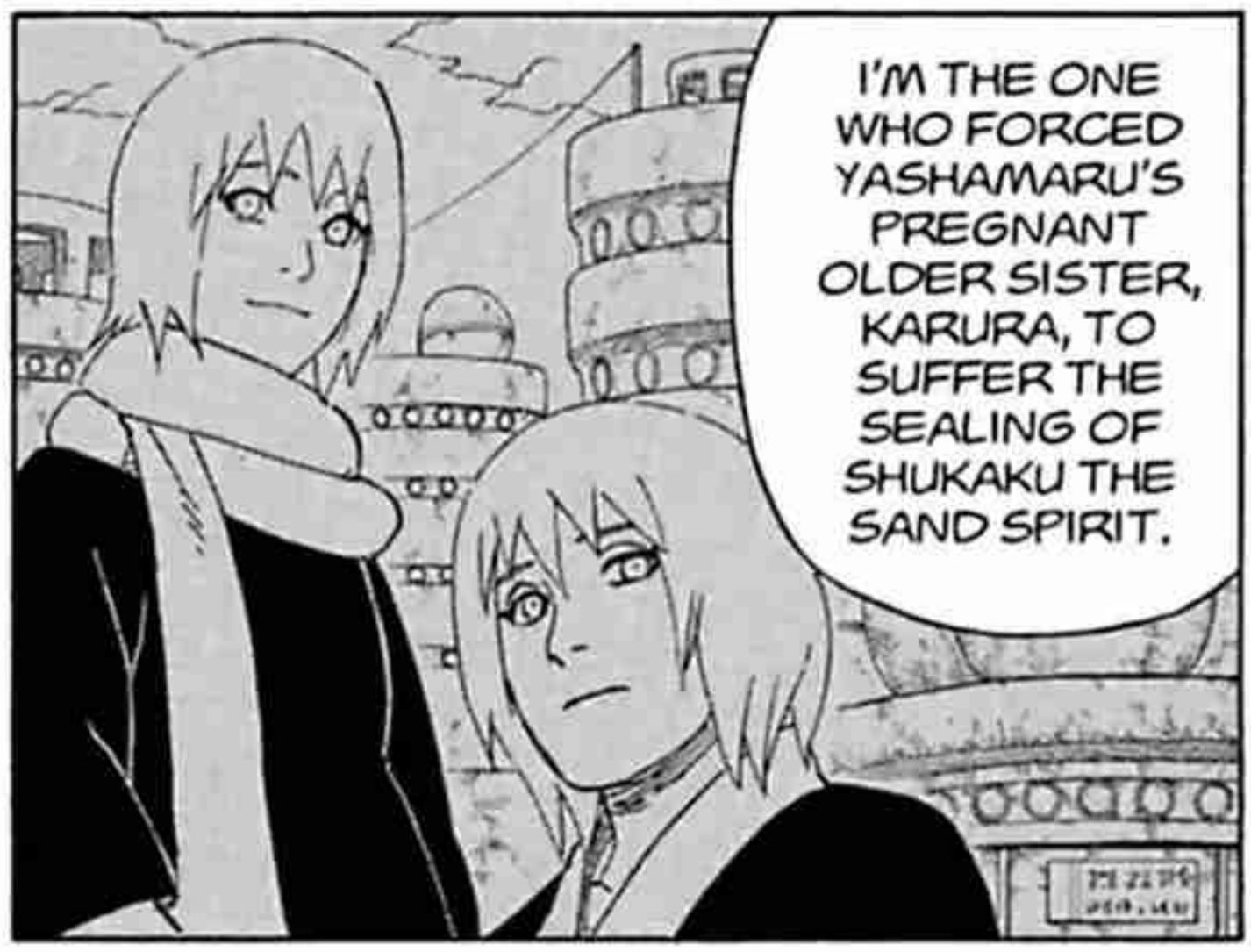
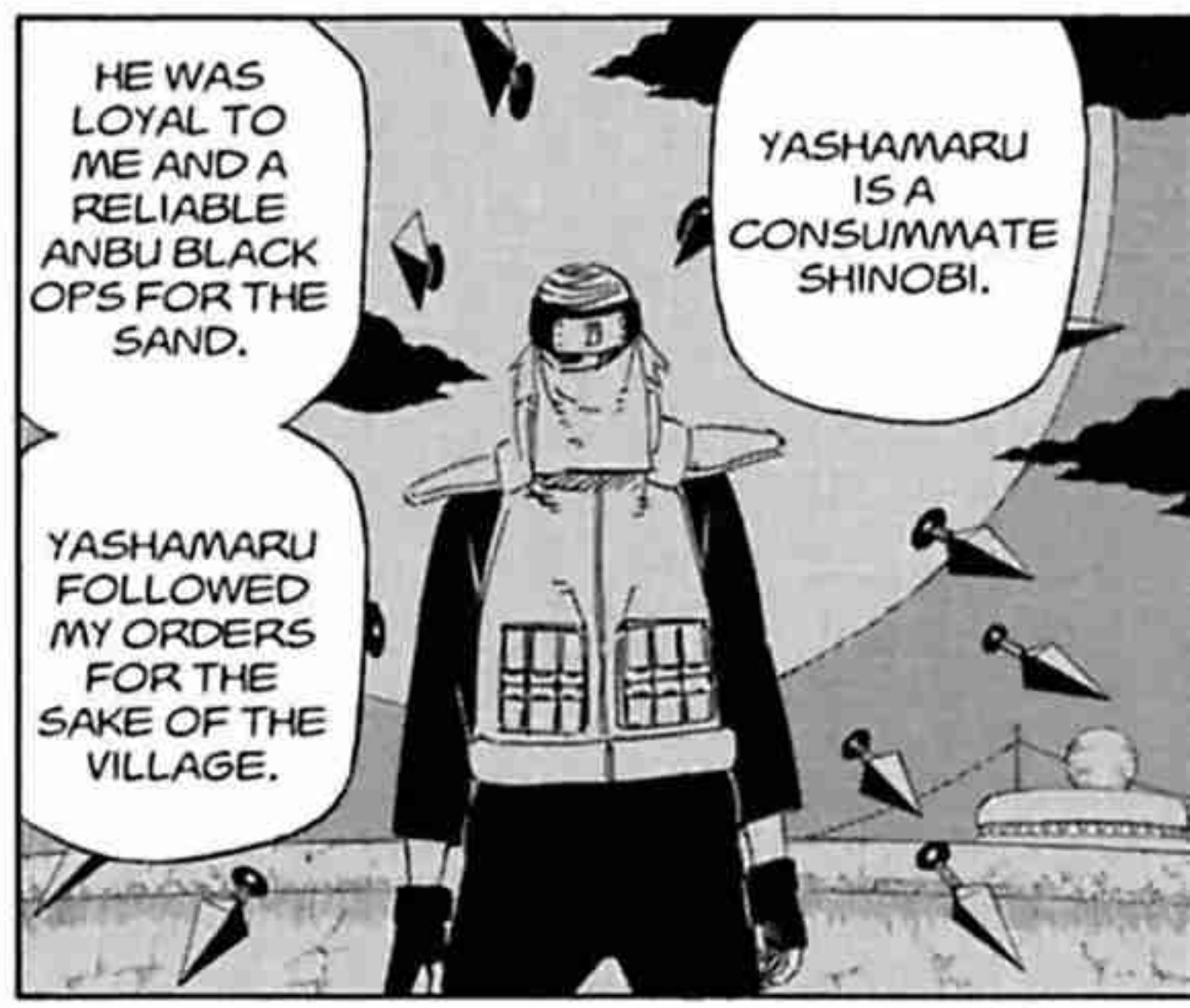
I HAD TO SEE IF YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR CONTROL OVER THE TAILED BEAST INSIDE YOU IF YOU WERE EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT.
I TOLD YASHAMARU TO LIE TO YOU.


I'M THE ONE WHO FORCED YASHAMARU'S PREGNANT OLDER SISTER, KARURA, TO SUFFER THE SEALING OF SHUKAKU THE SAND SPIRIT.

HE DIDN'T HATE YOU.
YASHAMARU HATED ME.

A MISTAKE.


HE WAS LOYAL TO ME AND A RELIABLE ANBU BLACK OPS FOR THE SAND.
YASHAMARU IS A CONSUMMATE SHINOBI.
YASHAMARU FOLLOWED MY ORDERS FOR THE SAKE OF THE VILLAGE.

READ THIS WAY
...RUINED YOUR AFFECTION FOR YOUR MOTHER.
I MADE YOU A JINCHŪRIKI AND ROBBED YOU OF YOUR LIFE...
I DESTROYED YOUR ABILITY TO LOVE OR EVEN KNOW OTHERS.
I BURDENED YOU UNNECESSARILY.
I FELT THAT YOU HAD NO TRUE VALUE.
EVERYTHING I DID WAS A MISTAKE.
I EVEN TRIED TO STEAL YOUR LIFE.
IN THE END, I ONLY GAVE YOU ONE THING.

I GAVE YOU A BROKEN HEART.
FSH
DRIBBLE
IT DOESN'T BLEED.
BUT IT HURTS RIGHT HERE.
WOUNDS OF THE HEART ARE A BIT DIFFERENT.
UNLIKE WOUNDS OF THE BODY, THERE ARE NO MEDICINES THAT CAN HELP THEM GET BETTER.
AND SOMETIMES, THEY NEVER EVER HEAL.
WOUNDS OF THE HEART?
BUT WHAT ARE TROUBLE-SOME ARE THE WOUNDS OF THE HEART.
THEY ARE EXTREMELY SLOW TO HEAL.
BUT AS TIME PASSES, THE PAIN WILL FADE ON ITS OWN.
AND IF ONE USES MEDICINE, IT WILL HEAL EVEN FASTER.
A WOUND OF THE BODY CERTAINLY BLEEDS. AND CAN BE PAINFUL.

...FOR YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE IT FROM ANOTHER.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S A BOTHERSOME CURE...

...THAT CAN EASE THE WOUNDS OF THE HEART.
THERE IS JUST ONE THING...
...?

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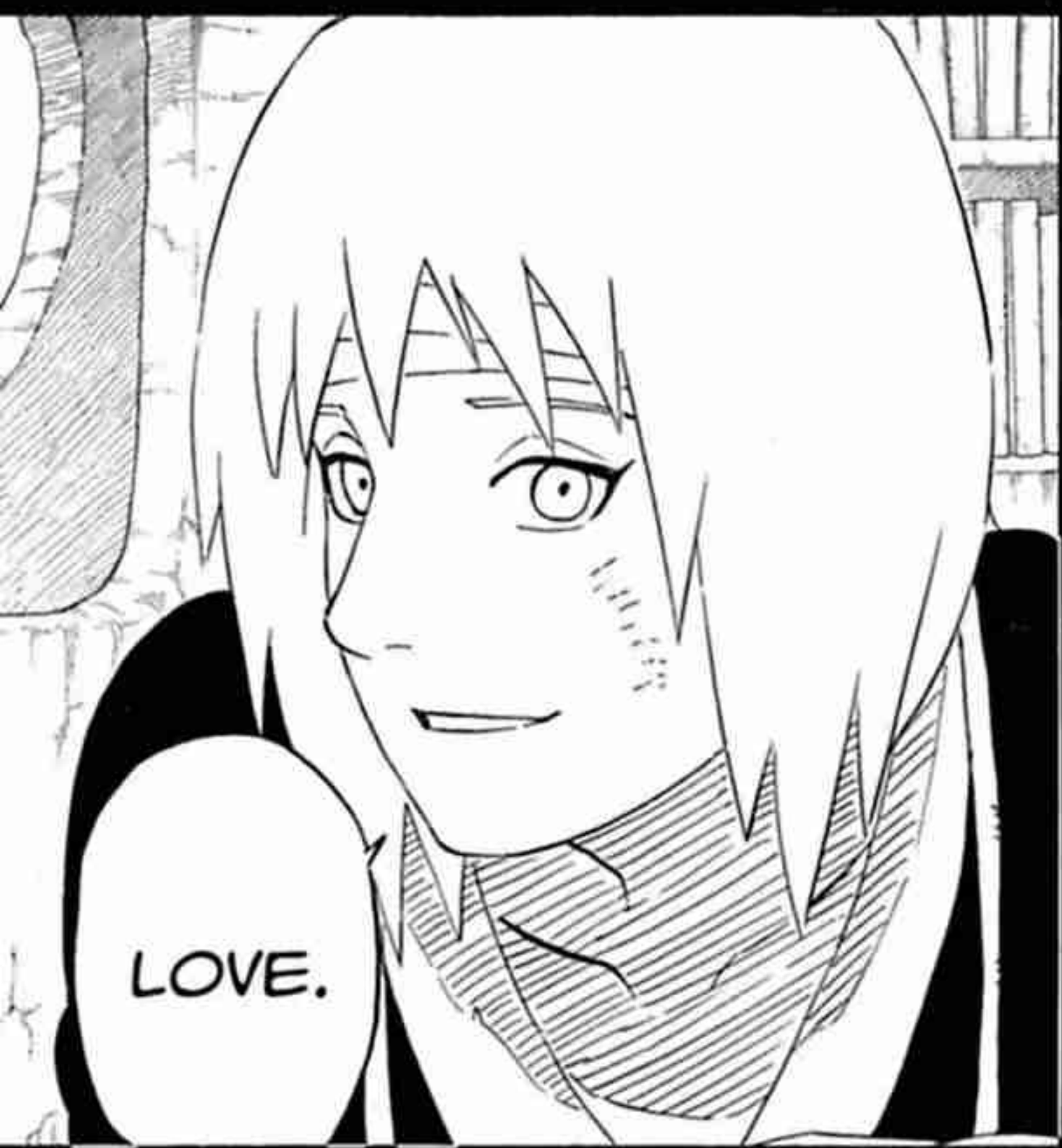
LOVE.

WHAT IS IT?
...

B...BUT, SO HOW CAN ONE RECEIVE IT?
...

YES.
LOVE?

YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME, LORD GAARA.

SHUKAKU OF THE SAND IS SUPPOSED TO BE A WRAITH USED FOR OFFENSIVE ASSAULTS.

I TRULY BELIEVE ELDER SISTER LOVED YOU VERY DEEPLY, LORD GAARA.

I HAVE ?

TAP

TAP

I THINK THAT YOUR MOTHER'S WILL HAS SEEPED INTO THAT SAND.

WHEN THE SAND TRIES TO PROTECT YOU, I BELIEVE IT'S AN EXPRESSION OF MATERNAL LOVE.

...EVEN UNTO HER DEATH.

ELDER SISTER MUST HAVE WANTED TO PROTECT YOU...

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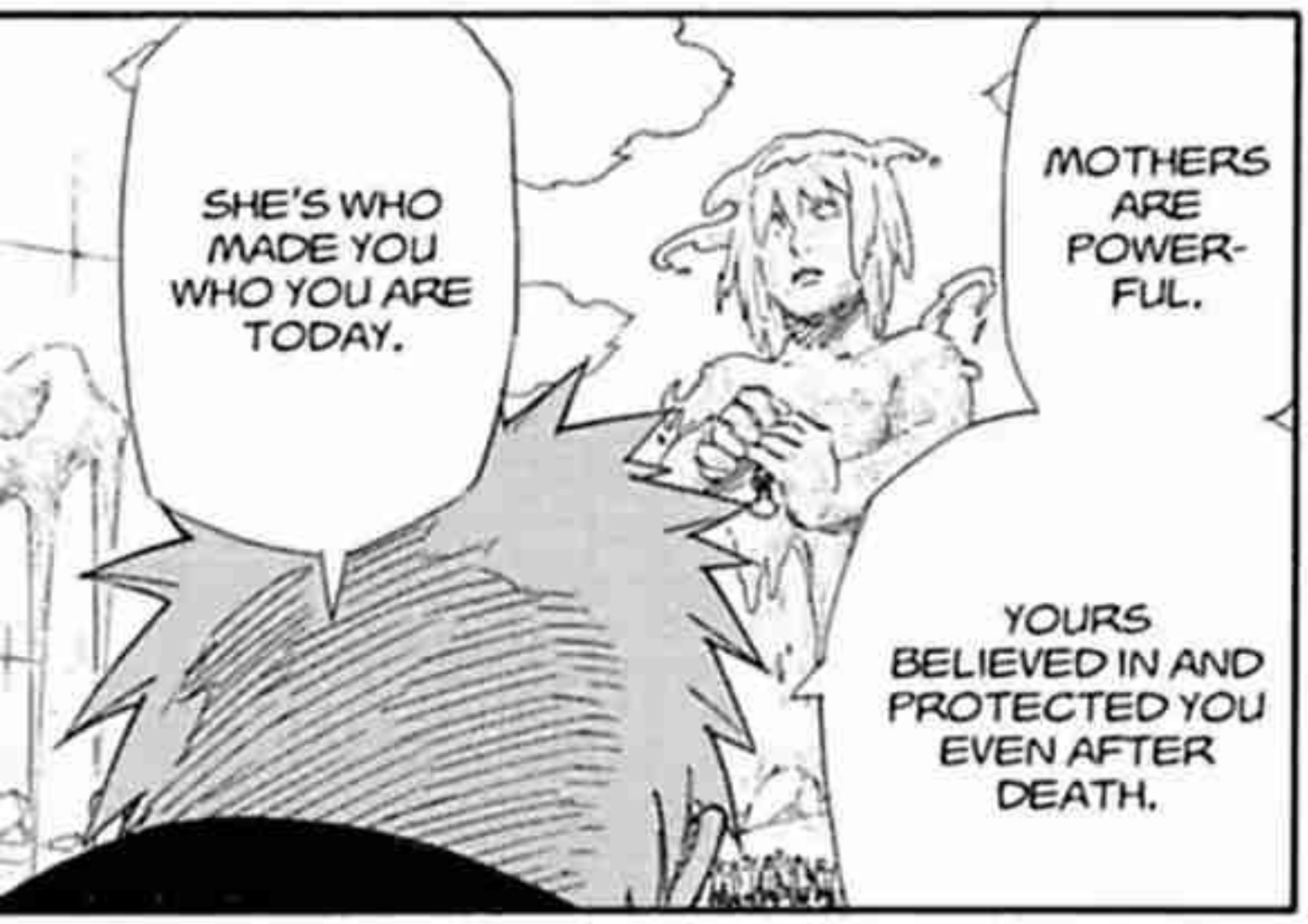
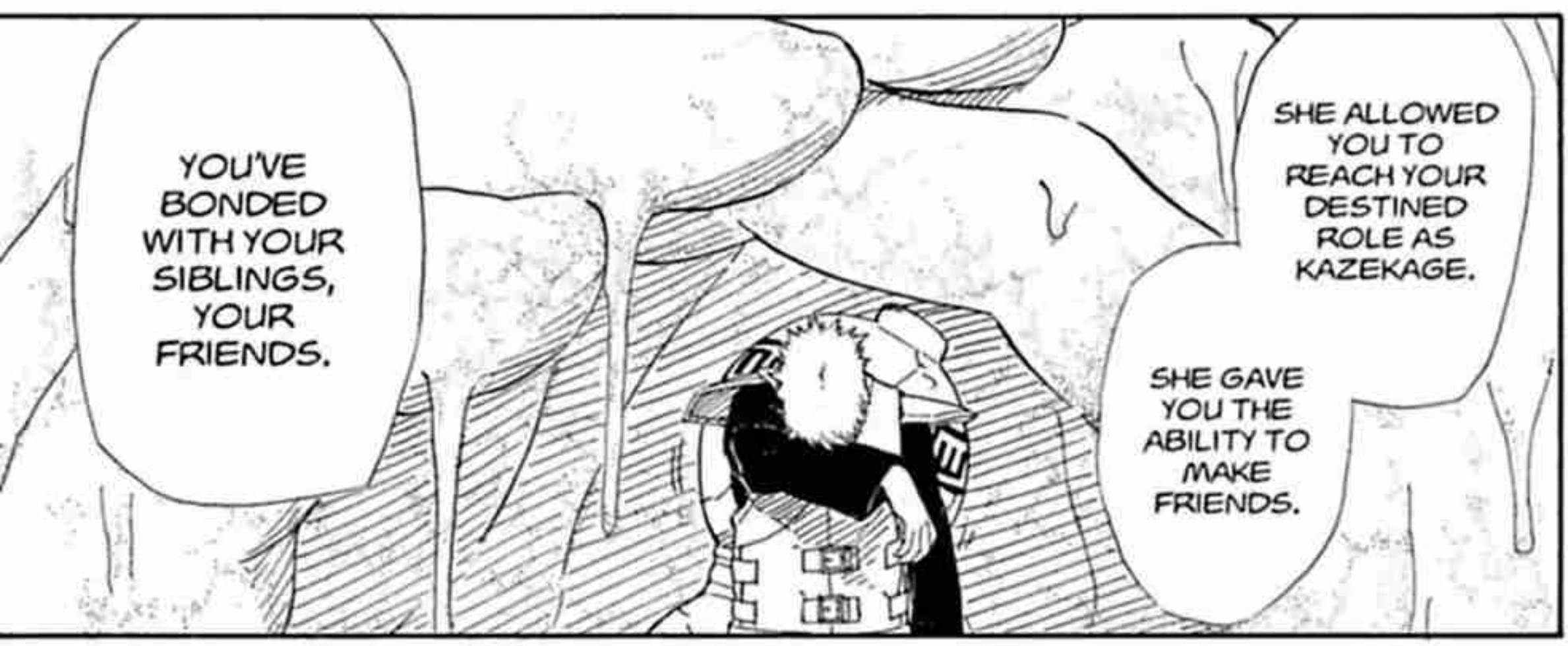

SHE'S WHO MADE YOU WHO YOU ARE TODAY.
MOTHERS ARE POWER-FUL.
YOURS BELIEVED IN AND PROTECTED YOU EVEN AFTER DEATH.

KARURA.


YOU'VE BONDED WITH YOUR SIBLINGS, YOUR FRIENDS.
SHE ALLOWED YOU TO REACH YOUR DESTINED ROLE AS KAZEKAGE.
SHE GAVE YOU THE ABILITY TO MAKE FRIENDS.

IT'S A CRUEL JOKE THAT I EVEN CLAIM TO BE YOUR FATHER.
I, YOUR FATHER, NEVER DID ANYTHING GOOD FOR YOU.

YOU NOW HAVE ALL THAT I ORIGINALLY TOOK FROM YOU.

...!

MY MOTHER WAS WONDER-FUL.
...

...
GAARA...

SHE GAVE ME THE MEDICINE THAT YOU GAVE HER TO GIVE ME.
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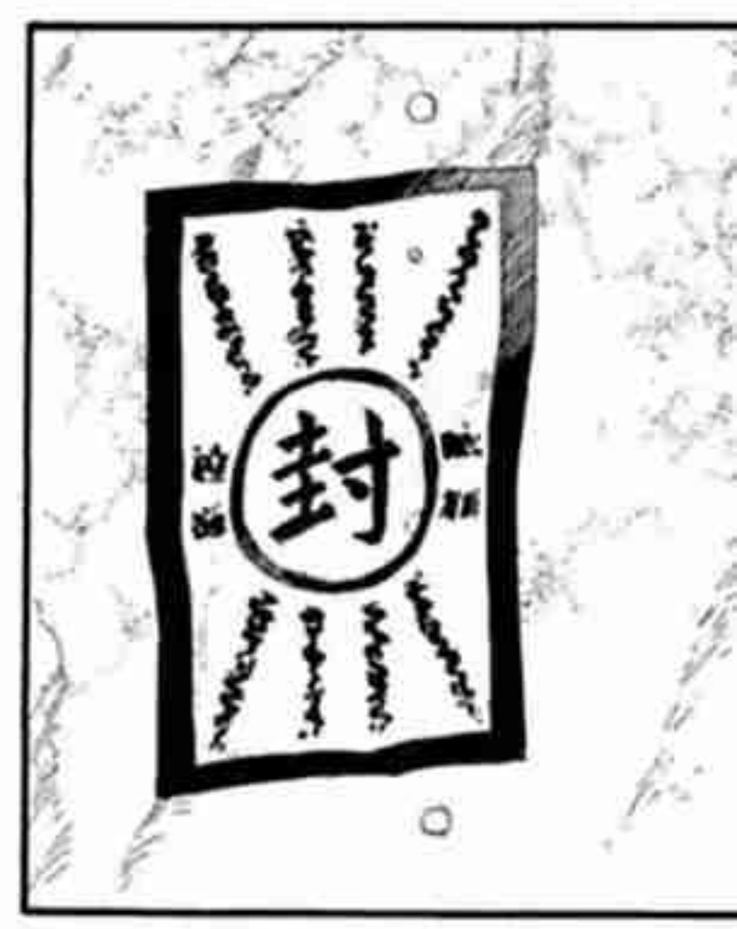
SHWOOO
SPLISH

I LEAVE THE VILLAGE TO YOU, GAARA.

YOU SURPASSED ME LONG AGO.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SPLOSH

SLASH

WELL DONE, YOUNG KAZEKAGE!
SEALING TAGS!

...TO AUTOMATICALLY COUNTER OFFENSIVE JUTSU!
OUR BODIES ARE PRO-GRAMMED...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
BLOP

SKRSH

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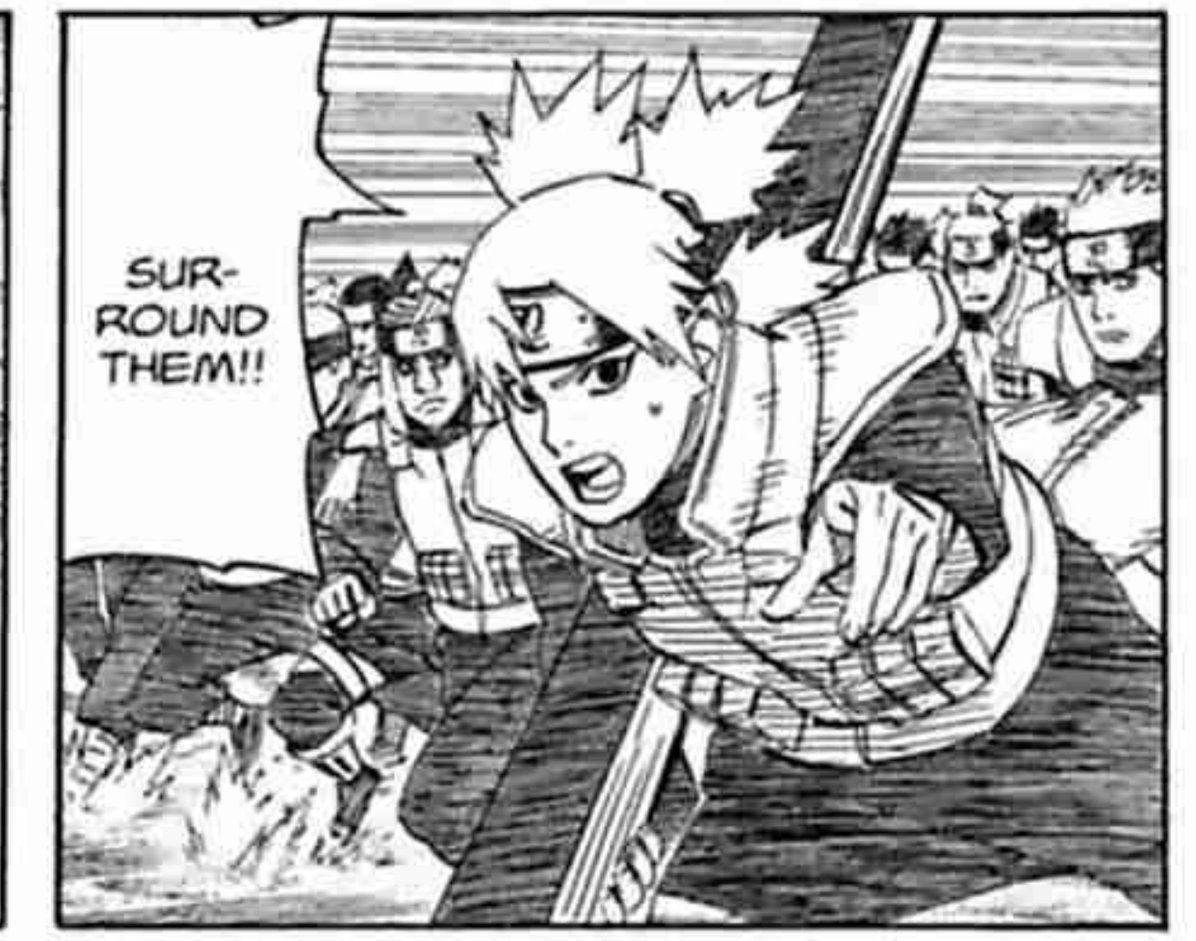
RRRAAWWRR
SHOOM
AAAAH!!



WITHOUT THE KAZEKAGE'S HELP, YOU'LL SURELY DIE, OHNOKI.

WH
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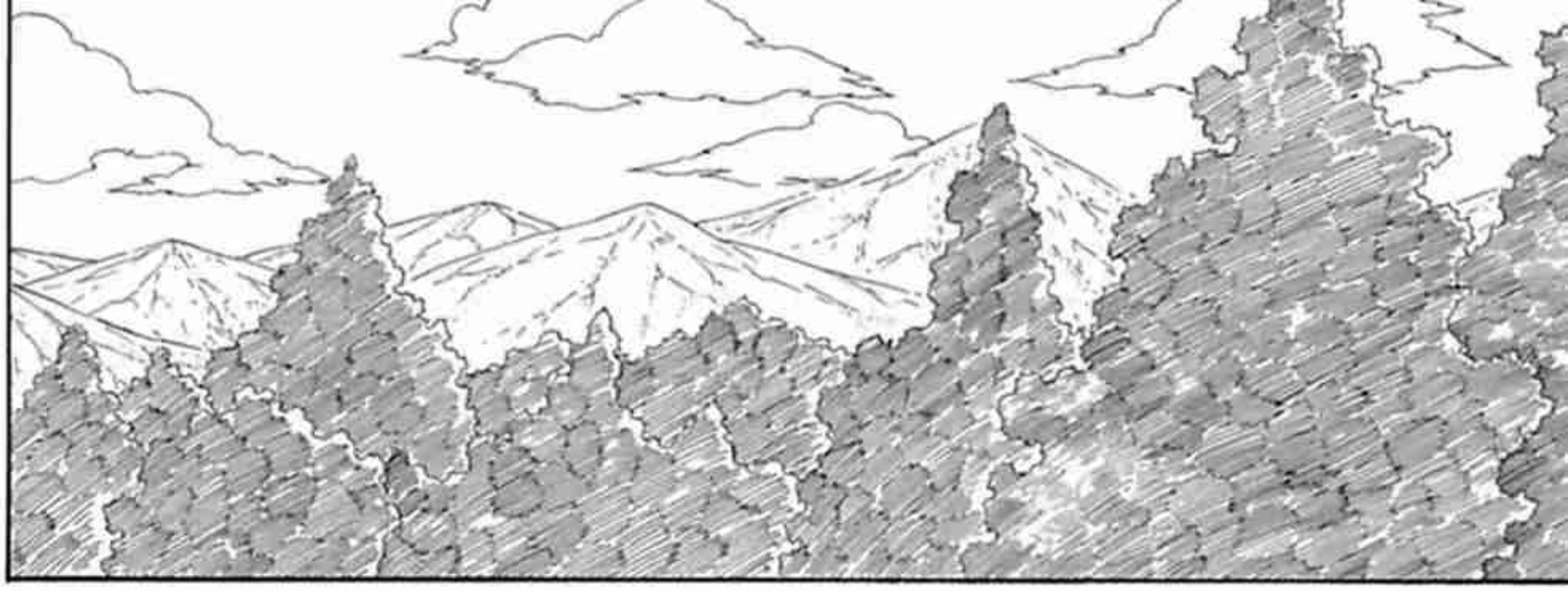
AND MY SUMMON-ING CREATURE IS...
I'M A SHADOW STYLE NINJA.
BAK

YOU SERIOUSLY NEED TO STAND BACK!!
HEY! DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY JUTSU!
HERE ARE MY WEAK-NESSES!

WAAH!!
B
!!
OO
...A GIANT CLAM!!
F

READ THIS WAY
THANKS FOR THE INTEL!
ANY MORE DETAIL FOR ME?!
MY BODY MOVES OF ITS OWN ACCORD!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR MORE TALK!
BZZZZ
I'M LIGHTNING STYLE!
ATTACK ME WITH YOUR EARTH STYLE NINJA!!
ZZZZ
ZW
STONE DOPPELGANGER JUTSU!!
ZW ZW
ZW ZW
DON'T COUNT THE OLD MAN OUT JUST YET!!
ZWOOSH
SHUN



I FEEL NOSTALGIC.

ARE THEY CLOSE?
NO WAY.

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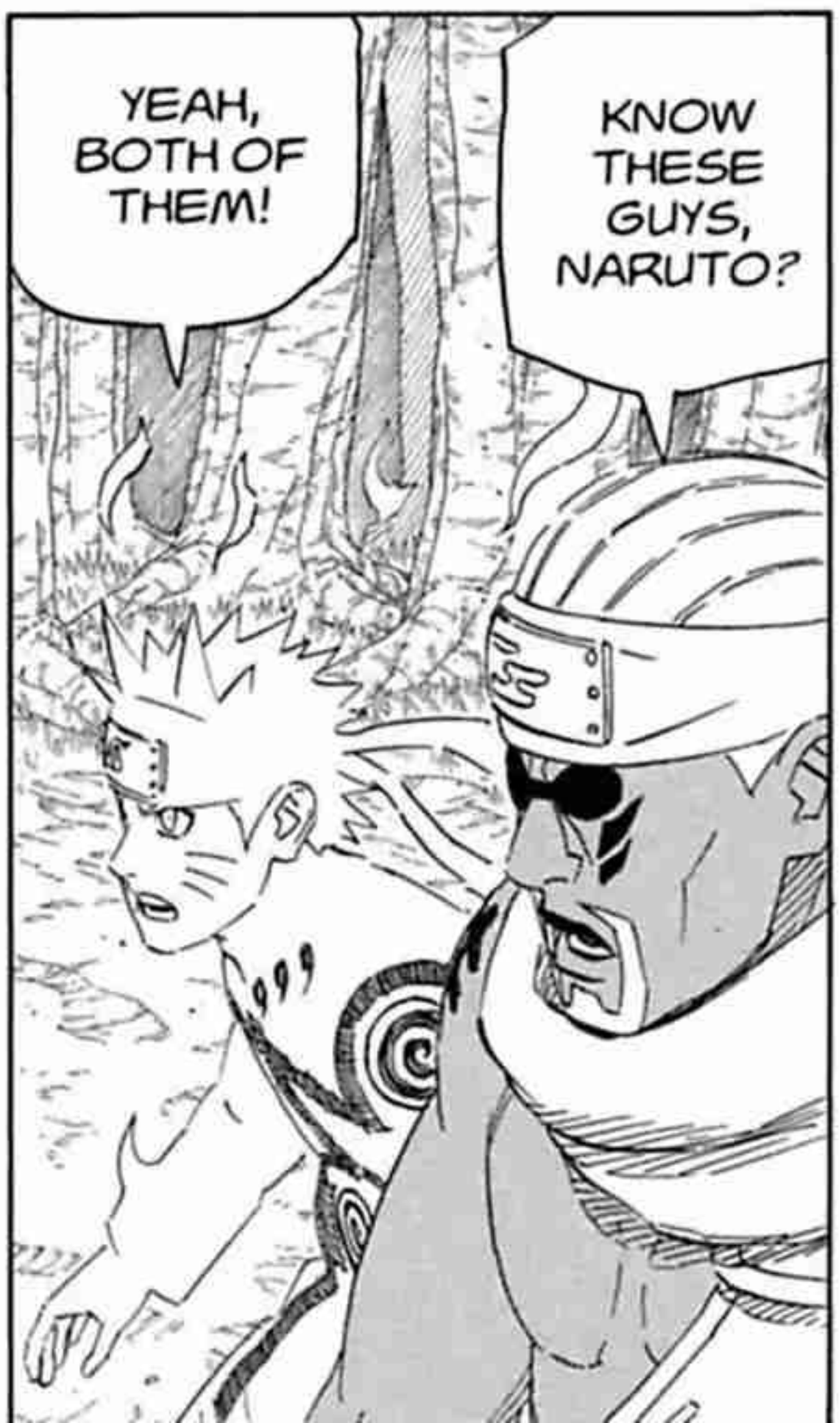
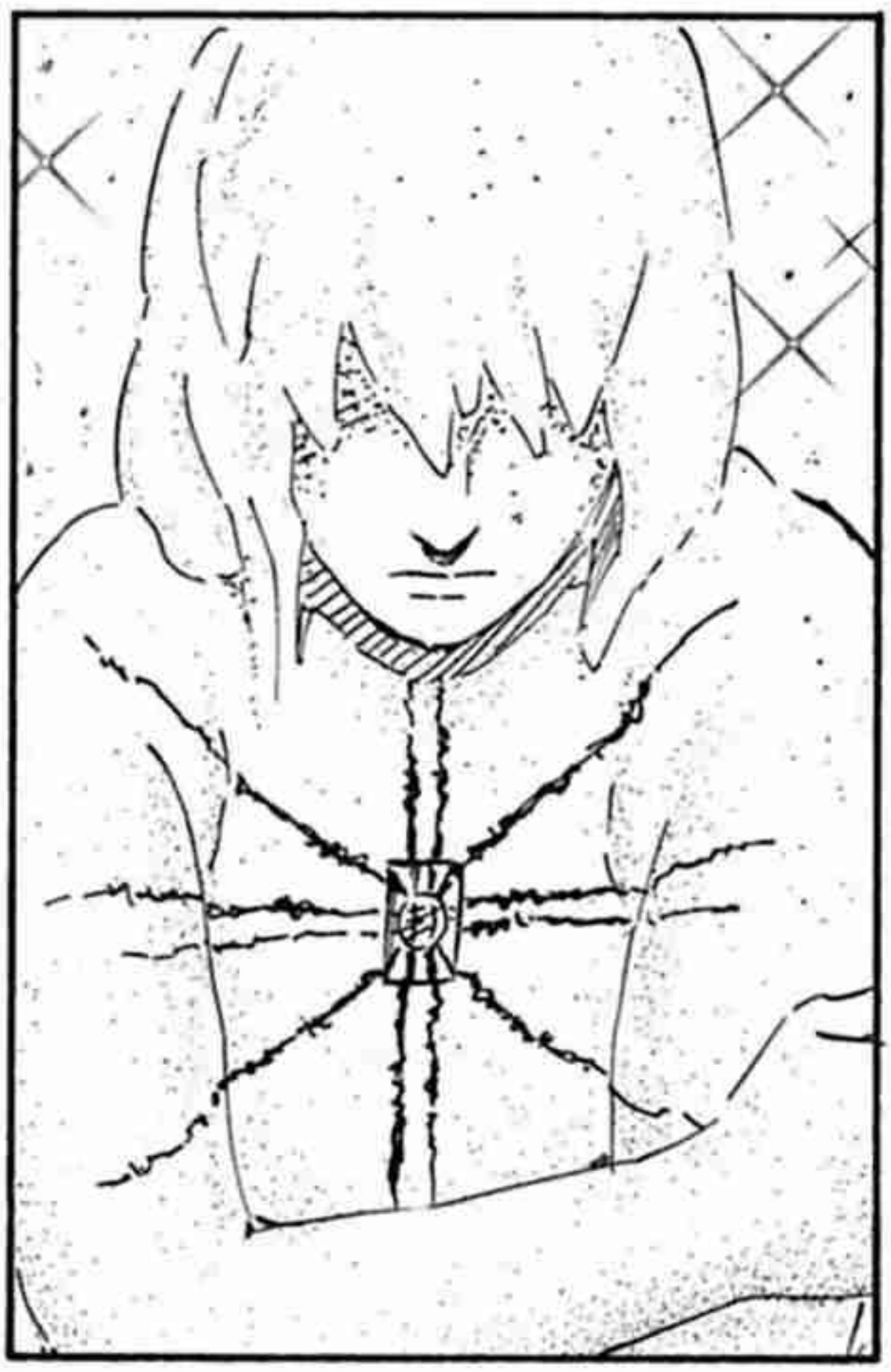
UHM

NAGATO !!

UCHIHA ITACHI!





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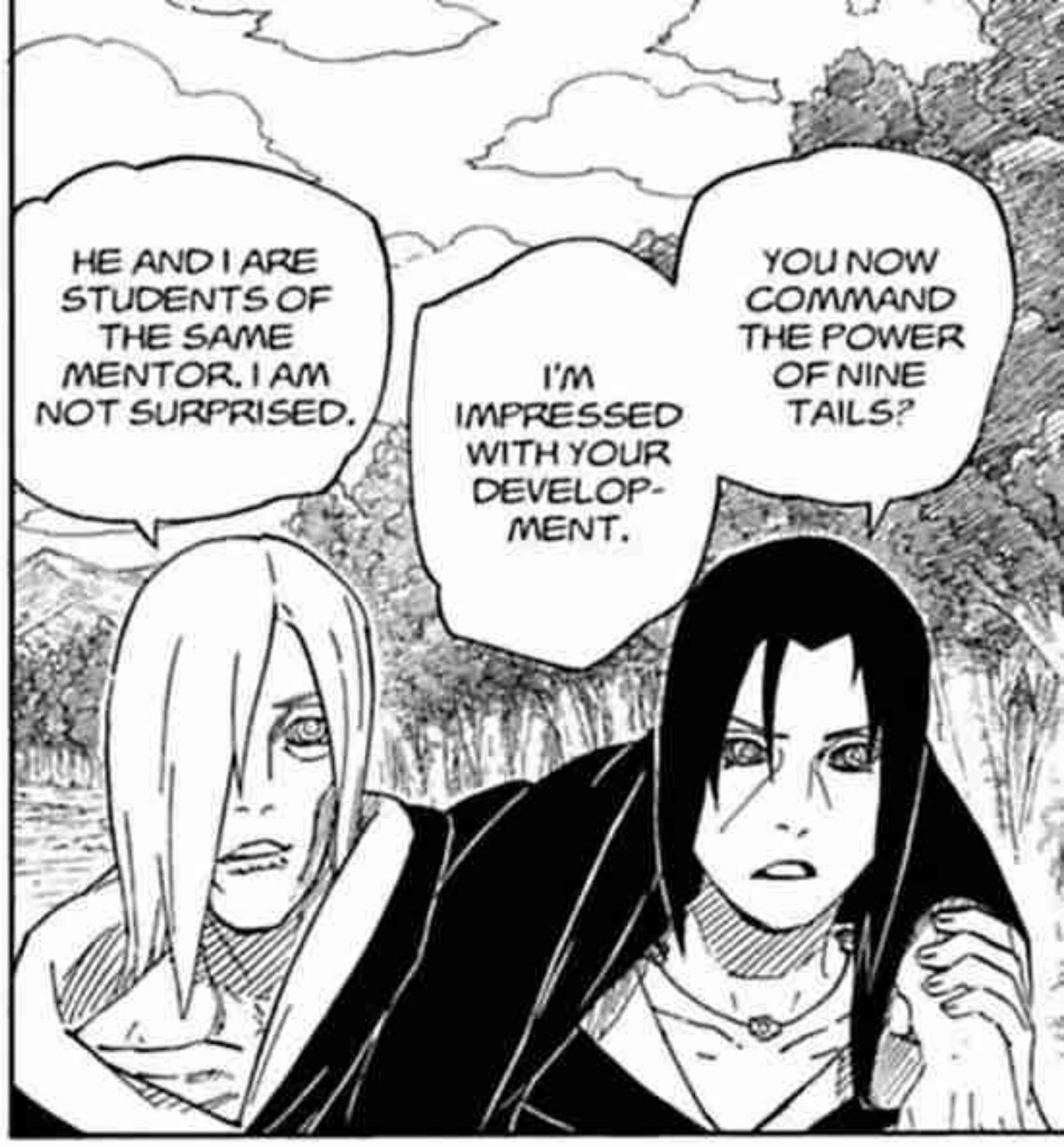
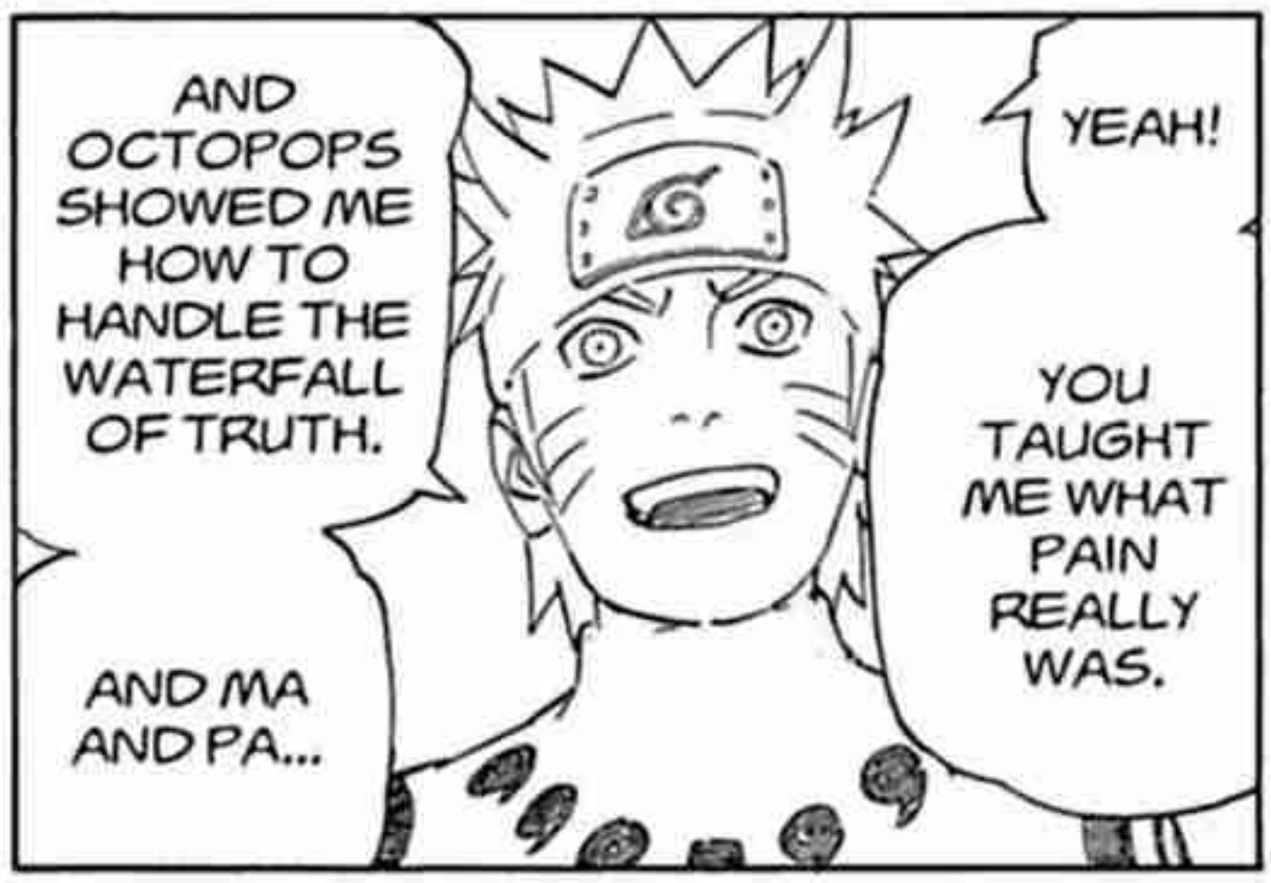
BUT FOR ME, IT'S ONLY BEEN MOMENTS.

FOR YOU, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST MET, HASN'T IT?

YOU'RE DIFFERENT, NARUTO.

NO WAY!!
I MADE HIM BE WHAT HE COULD BE♪ TALK ALL YOU WANT, HIS CONTROL IS THANKS TO ME♪


HE AND I ARE STUDENTS OF THE SAME MENTOR. I AM NOT SURPRISED.
I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOUR DEVELOP-MENT.
YOU NOW COMMAND THE POWER OF NINE TAILS?


AND OCTOPOPS SHOWED ME HOW TO HANDLE THE WATERFALL OF TRUTH.
AND MA AND PA...
YEAH!
YOU TAUGHT ME WHAT PAIN REALLY WAS.

HAVE YOU OVER-COME HATE, NARUTO?
SO...

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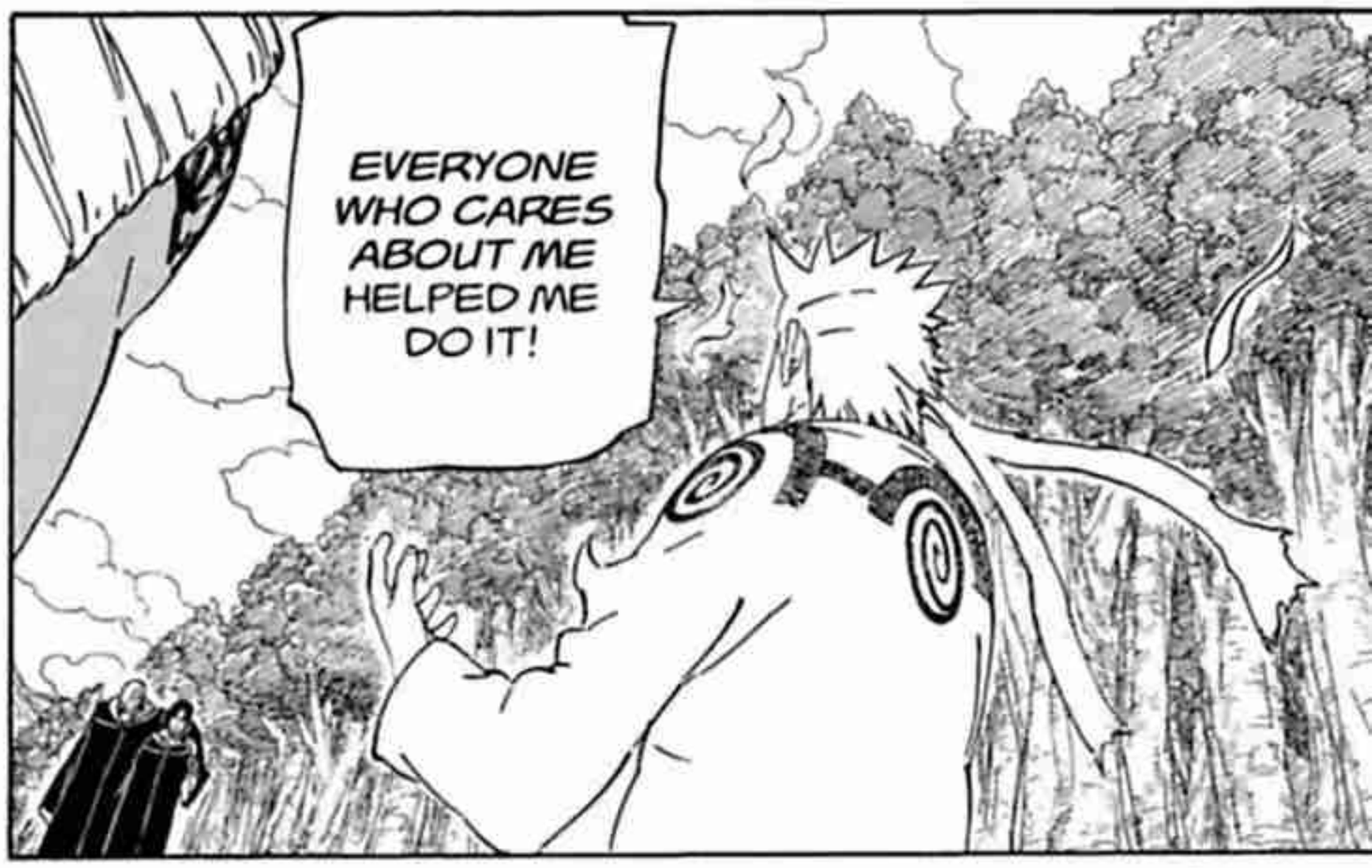
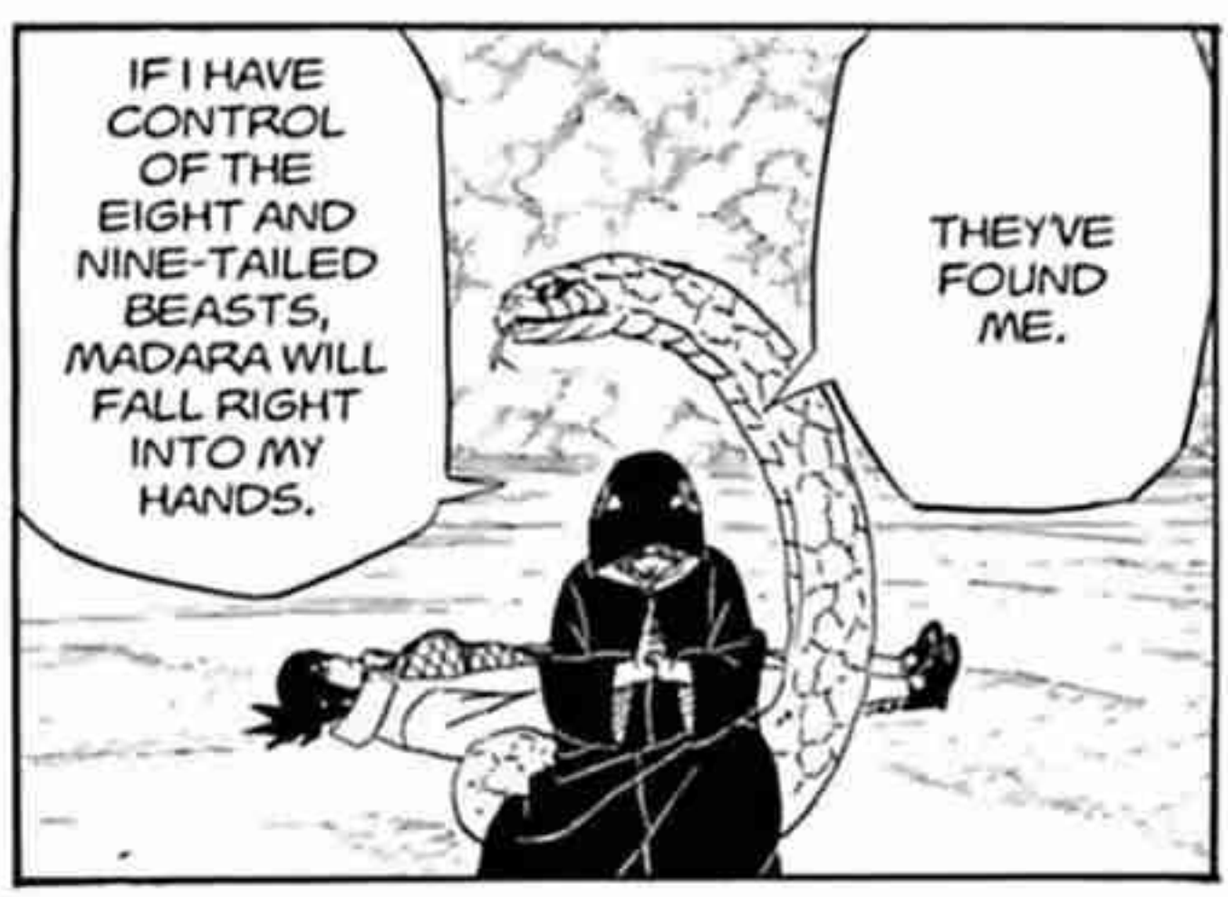

EVERYONE WHO CARES ABOUT ME HELPED ME DO IT!

HEY, I GOT STUFF TO ASK YOU TOO!
!

NARUTO, I MUST ASK...

TOO BAD I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIS STUPID EXPRESSION OF SHOCK UNDER THAT RIDICULOUS MASK WHEN HE FIGURES OUT, I'VE WON! HAHAHAA...


IF I HAVE CONTROL OF THE EIGHT AND NINE-TAILED BEASTS, MADARA WILL FALL RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.
THEY'VE FOUND ME.

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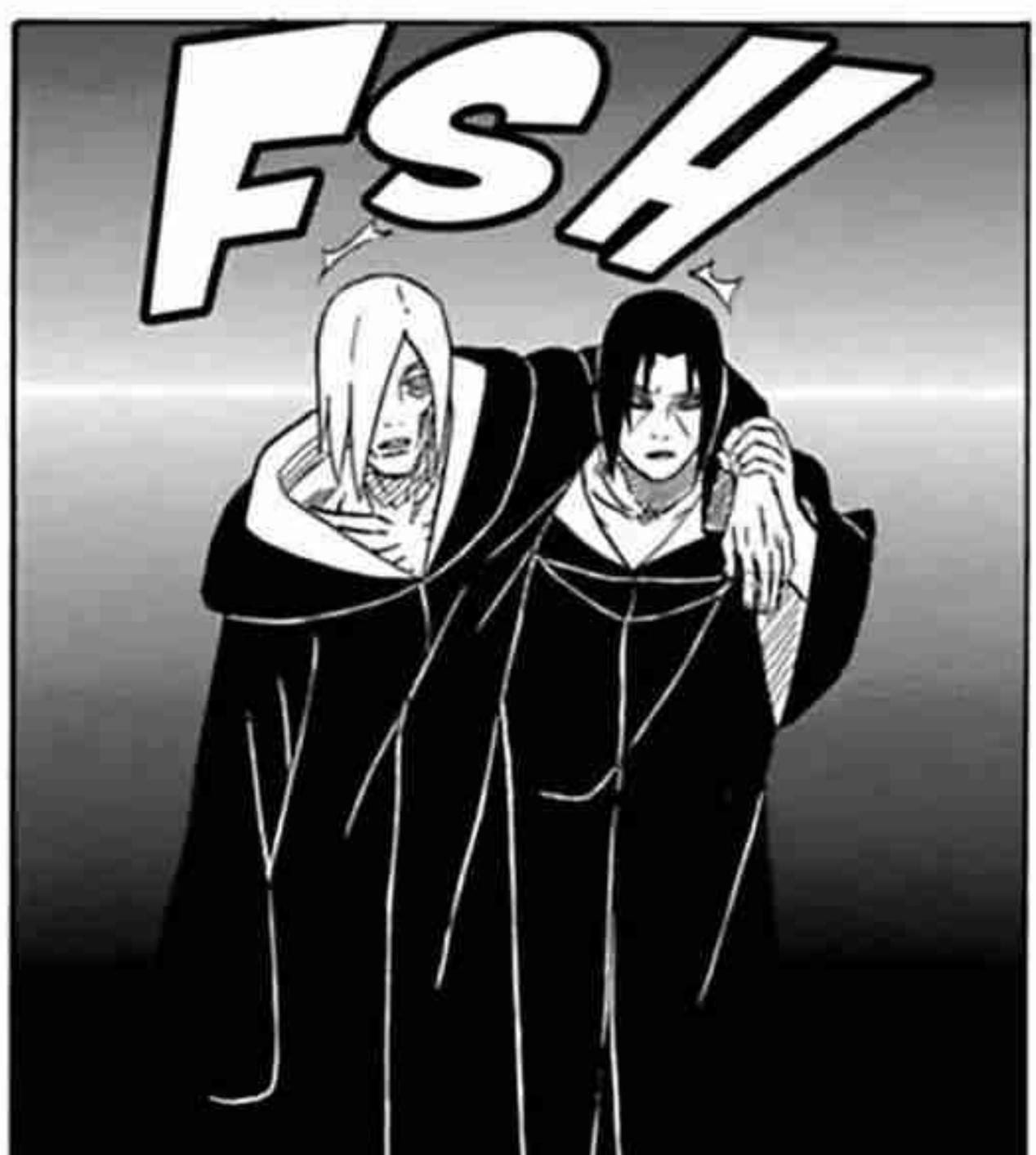

FSH!

FLIP

700
FIRE STYLE! FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!!
YO!!

FOOOOSH

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. HE'S STILL BEING CONTROLLED!
BUT HE'S STILL TALKING!

SO KISAME IS DEAD.
SAME-HADA.

THUNK
SKREEEE!
DIDN'T MEAN TO BURN, WHEN WILL I LEARN? ♪
OKAY, THAT WAS HOT.

I SEE HIM!
BAM
?!!

ABOVE YOU!
BOOF

BOOM
WHERE IS SASUKE ?!
WHAM
UNGH!
...!!
HE WOULD TURN HIS BACK ON THE VILLAGE?
HE'S AN AKATSUKI!
HE'S TAKING REVENGE ON KONOHA!
WHUP
...!!
THE TRUE MISSION ?
SHOOM
BOOM-BOOM-BOOM-
HE FOUND OUT YOUR TRUE MISSION.
WHAM
NOW HE'S GOING TO DESTROY KONOHA!

WHA
H

MADARA TOLD ME THE TRUTH!
MADARA!

...

DID HE?

WHOOSH
SCREECH

ENOUGH, NARUTO.

THE UCHIHA CLAN WAS GOING TO TAKE OVER THE VILLAGE.

WAS MADARA TELLING THE TRUTH?!

SASUKE KNOWS HOW MUCH THAT MADE YOU SUFFER!!

ITACHI MADE HIMSELF LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUY TO SAVE SASUKE AND KONOHA!

ITACHI!

IS WHAT NARUTO SAYS TRUE?

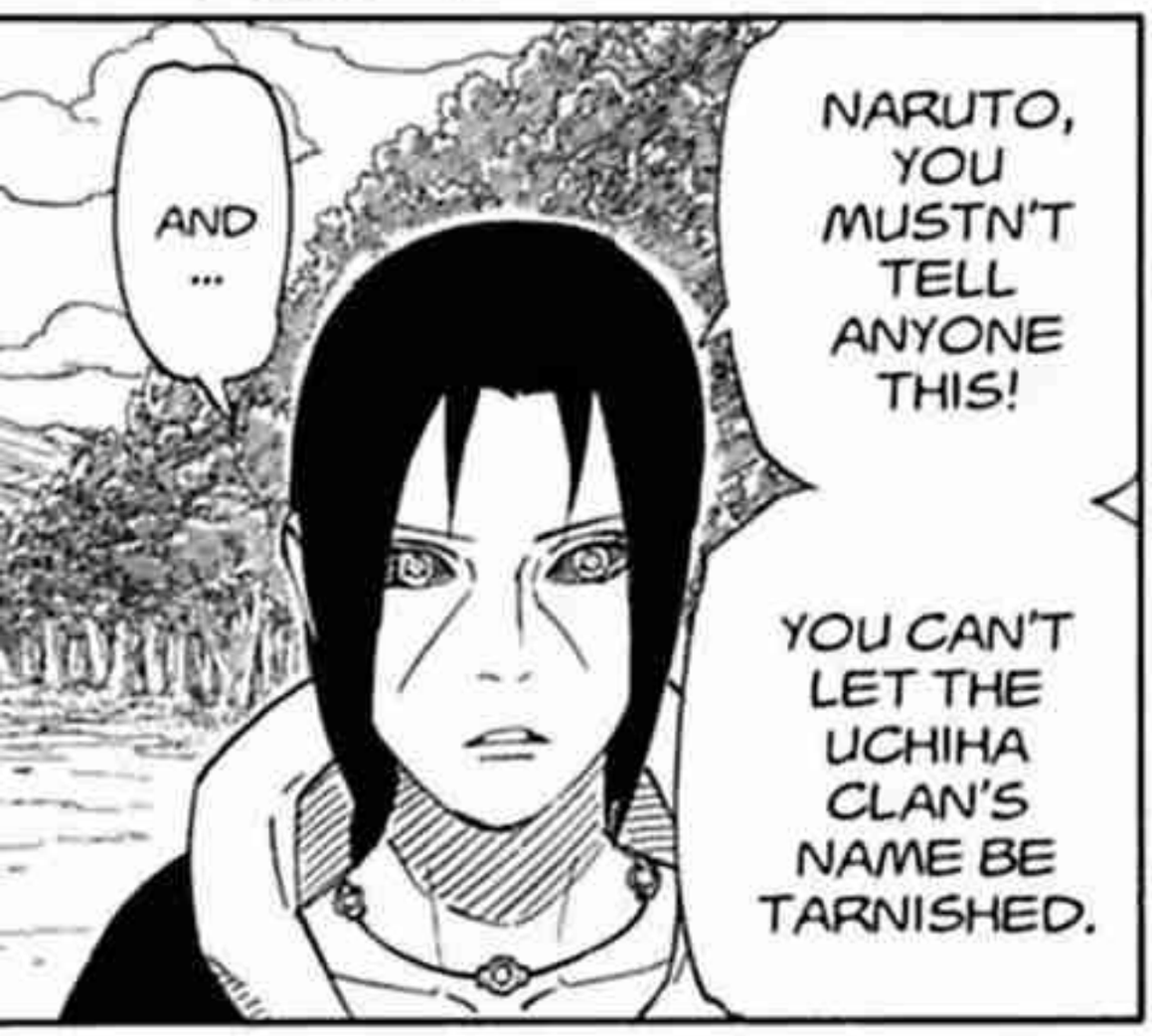
MADARA DID KNOW THE TRUTH!

...

HE'S GOING TO KILL EVERYONE THAT MADE YOU SUFFER!

BUT SASUKE IS NOT LIKE YOU.

HE'S REALLY GOING TO DESTROY KONOHA!


AND ...
NARUTO, YOU MUSTN'T TELL ANYONE THIS!
YOU CAN'T LET THE UCHIHA CLAN'S NAME BE TARNISHED.

BUT THERE'S NOT REALLY ANY PROOF SO KAKASHI MADE ME PROMISE NOT TO TELL.
ALL IN THE VILLAGE KNOW THIS NOW?
I DON'T THINK ANYONE ELSE KNOWS!
MASTER KAKASHI AND CAPTAIN YAMATO HEARD IT THE SAME TIME I DID.

WAH!
UNIVERSAL PULL!!
WOOSH

OH NO. MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN.
!!
FISH

ZWP
YOO
SH

WHO
P

NICE MOVE, NARUTO!

I'M A LOT STRONGER NOW THAN WHEN I FOUGHT PAIN!

SCREECH
KRA
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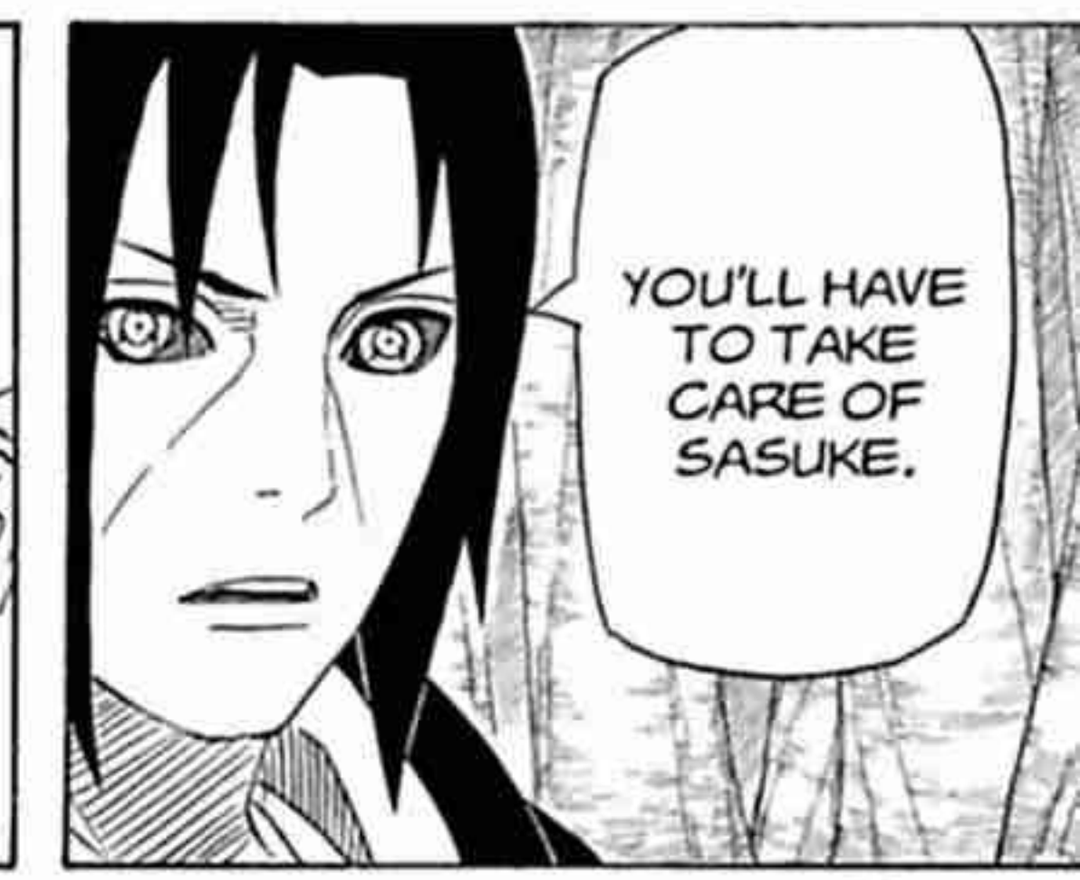
I WAS RIGHT TO BELIEVE YOU COULD FINISH THIS.

I WAS ALWAYS GONNA!


YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SASUKE.

READ THIS WAY
!
WMP
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING !!
WMP
I CAN'T MOVE ON MY OWN ANYMORE!
NARUTO, GET ME AWAY FROM HERE!
...?
BOOF
OR MAYBE I CAN!
WHAT'S THAT?
GOT IT!!
BEHIND YOU.
WSP

PFO
FIRE STYLE! ART OF THE PHOENIX FLOWER!! HOSENKA !!!
VS
SCREECH

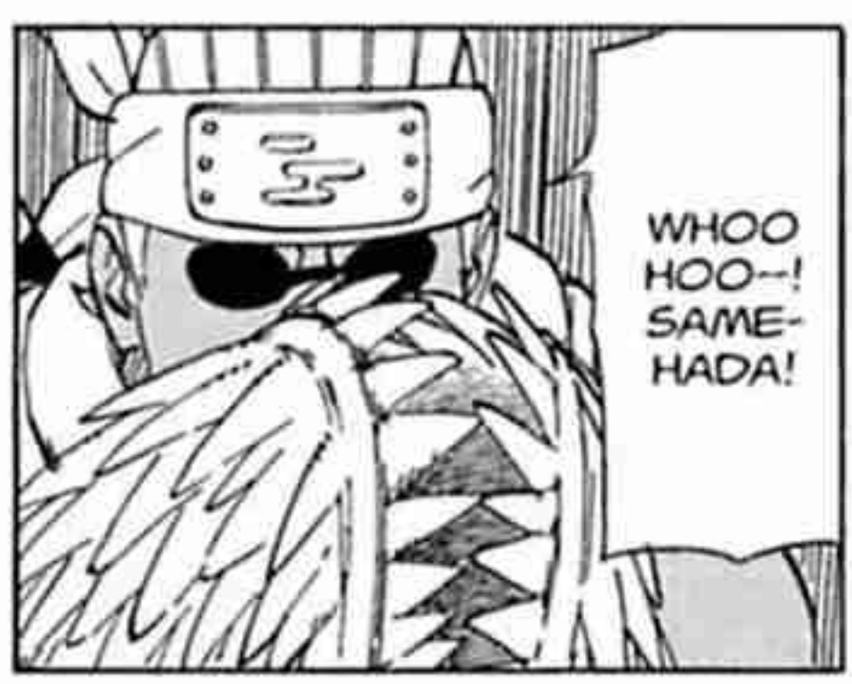
READ THIS WAY
YEOWCH, HOT!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
HUH?
WHAM
DOP
BOOM
GOTCHA!
FOOL!

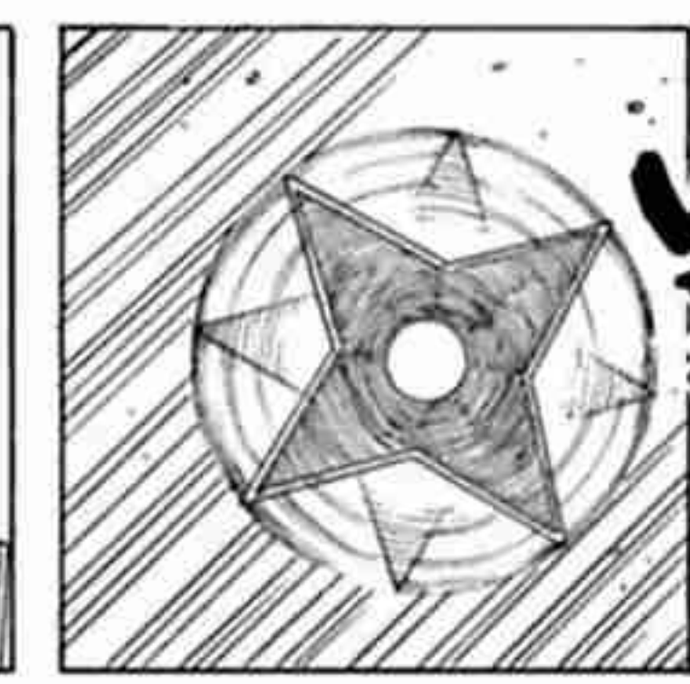
DON'T LOOK AT MY EYES!
FSH

WAP
GENJUTSU!

WAKE UP!!
OW!
DONK

VIIO
OSH


WHOO HOO--! SAME-HADA!



WAP

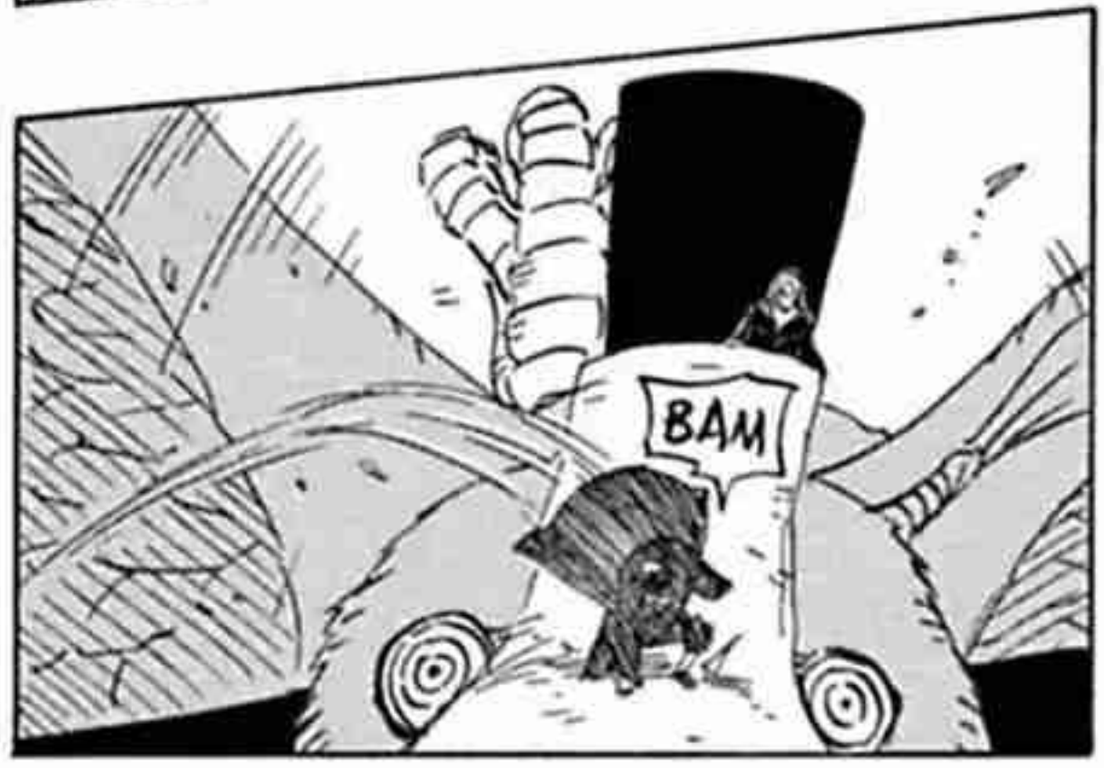
WHOOOSH
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
SHOOOOM

YOU'VE GOT TO KNOCK ME OUT FIRST!

HE MULTIPLIES EVERY TIME YOU HIT HIM!

HE KEEPS GOING!!

RAWR!!



SWOO...

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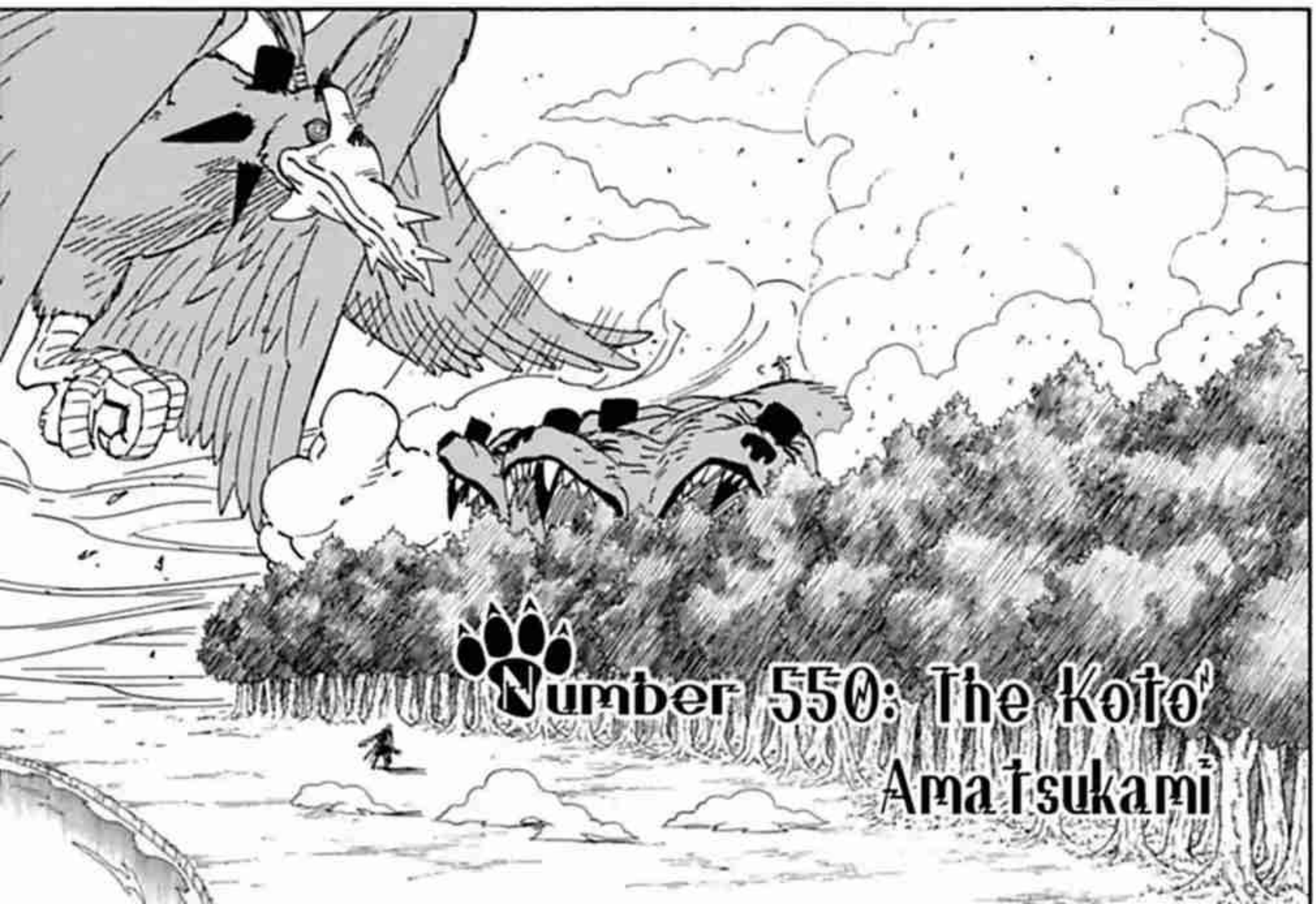
UNH!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.
SSH

MANGEKYO SHARINGAN!
WATCH OUT, OCTOPOPS! IF YOU GET HIT WITH EITHER AMATERASU OR TSUKUYOMI, IT'S OVER!
BA DIM

GUH...



Number 550: The Koto Amatsukami

NA P

SHWOP

CAW —!!

URRARCH!!

NARUTO! IT'S AMATER-ASU!
I FEEL...

SLP

I HAVE SHARED SOME OF MY POWER WITH YOU.
VIWOP
THOUGH I HOPE THE DAY WHEN YOU WILL HAVE TO USE IT NEVER COMES.

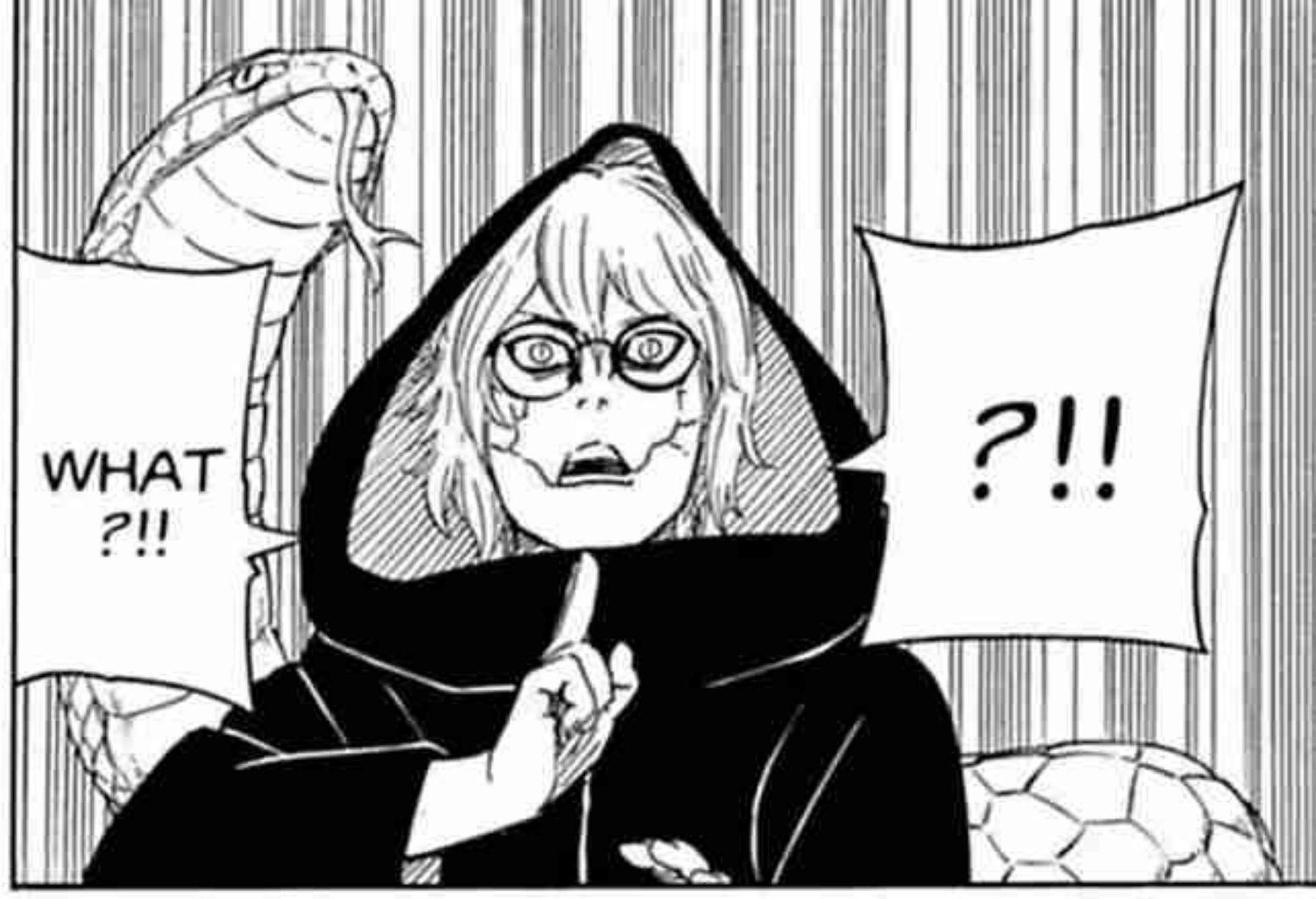
NO!

!

ZA
M

ALMIGHTY PUSH!
I LOST CONTROL AGAIN!
KACHIK

...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?!


WHAT ?!!
?!!

...?!

IT WASN'T AMATERASU ?
?!

...

?!

WAP WAP
?!

SO THIS IS IT?

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AMATERASU!!
SHEEN

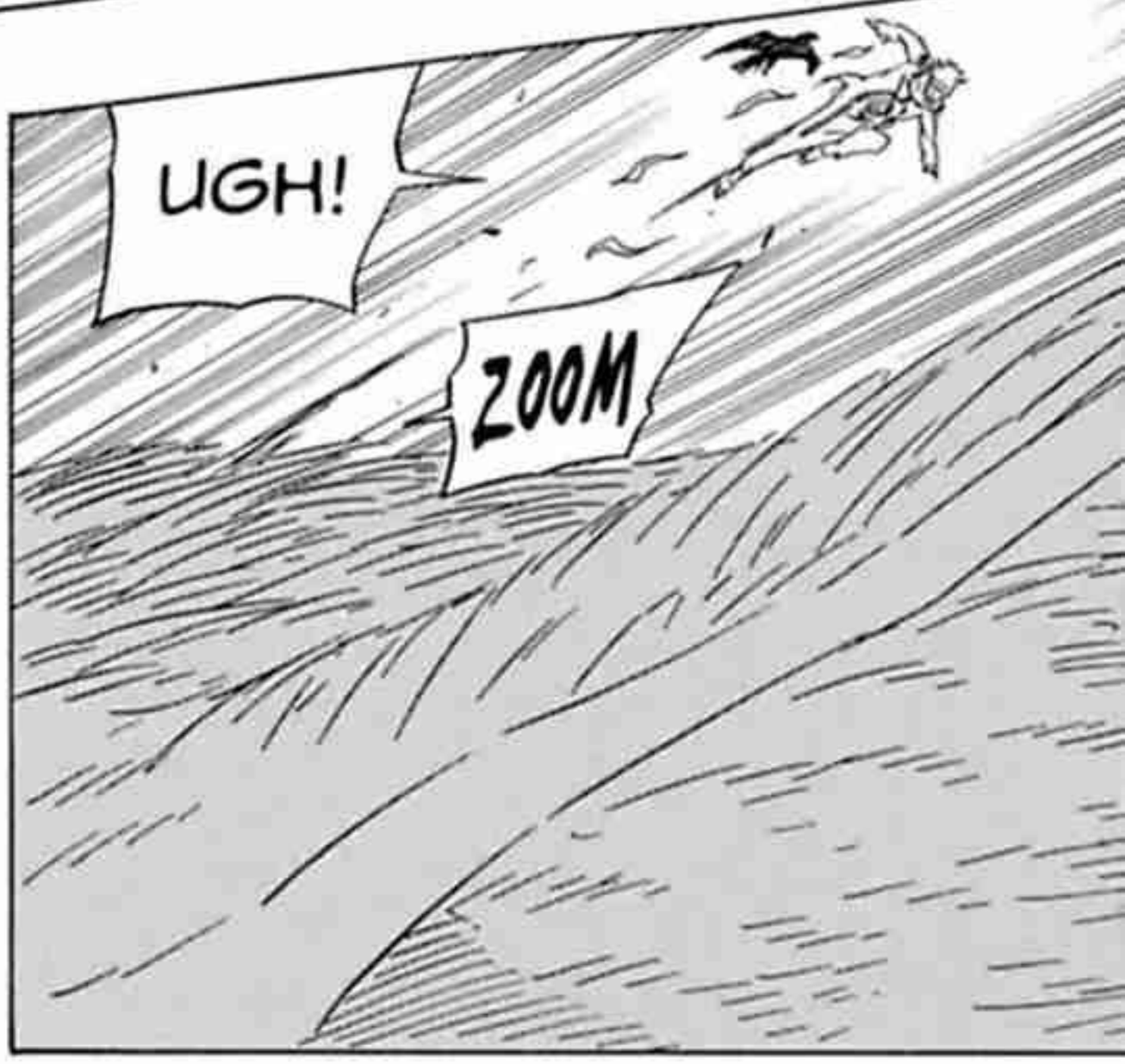
WHAT'S GOING ON?

RAAAWR!!

WOOD

WAH!

SH



READ THIS WAY

HEY, HE...

BAM

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THIS GENJUTSU ORDERS ME TO PROTECT KONOHA.

I USED A NEW GENJUTSU AGAINST THIS ENEMY JUTSU.

THE EDOTENSEI IS UNDONE.

EASY. I'M NO LONGER BEING CONTROLLED.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHAM

JUST IN CASE...

THAT CROW.

IT EMERGES IN RESPONSE TO MY MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.

READ THIS WAY
TH-THERE'S ONLY ONE GENJUTSU THAT CAN DO THAT.
IT'S HIS EYE!
IT'S IMPLANTED IN THE CROW'S EYE.
THE ULTIMATE GENJUTSU KOTO AMATSUKAMI!
UCHIHA SHISUI'S MANGEKYO SHARINGAN.
UCHIHA SHISUI?
THE MANGEKYO HAD ALREADY WORN OFF THOUGH.
THE GENJUTSU RESTORED MY CONTROL.
WSH

SHISUI'S OCULAR POWERS ARE UNIQUE. THEY CREATE A POWERFUL GENJUTSU THAT ALLOWS YOU TO CONTROL SOMEONE WITHOUT THEM EVEN REALIZING.

YOU NAME CHECKING THE UCHIHA'S MOST POWERFUL GENJUTSU USER, SHISUI THE TELE-PORTER?

WHY'D YOU HAVE THAT EYE AND WHY'D YOU GIVE IT TO ME?

I PUT THE COMMAND IN THE CROW'S EYE AND THEN GAVE THE CROW TO YOU, NARUTO.

I NEVER REALIZED OF COURSE, THAT I'D BE USING IT AGAINST MYSELF SOMEDAY.

...TO PROTECT KONOHA INTO SHISUI'S EYE.

I PRO-GRAMMED THE GENJUTSU ...

SHISUI TAUGHT ME THAT.

TRUE SHINOBI DO NOT SEEK GLORY. THEY PROTECT FROM THE SHADOWS.

THAT IS THE MARK OF A TRUE NINJA.

...

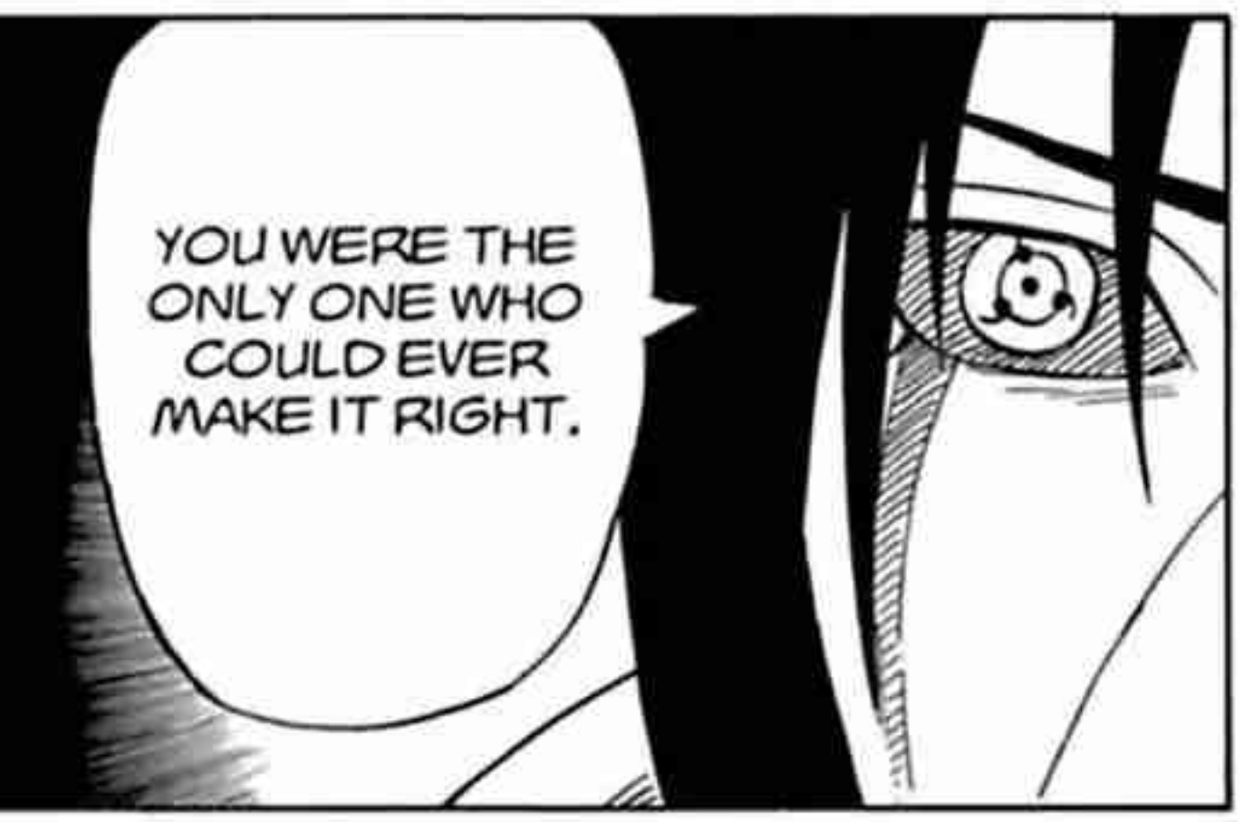
WSH

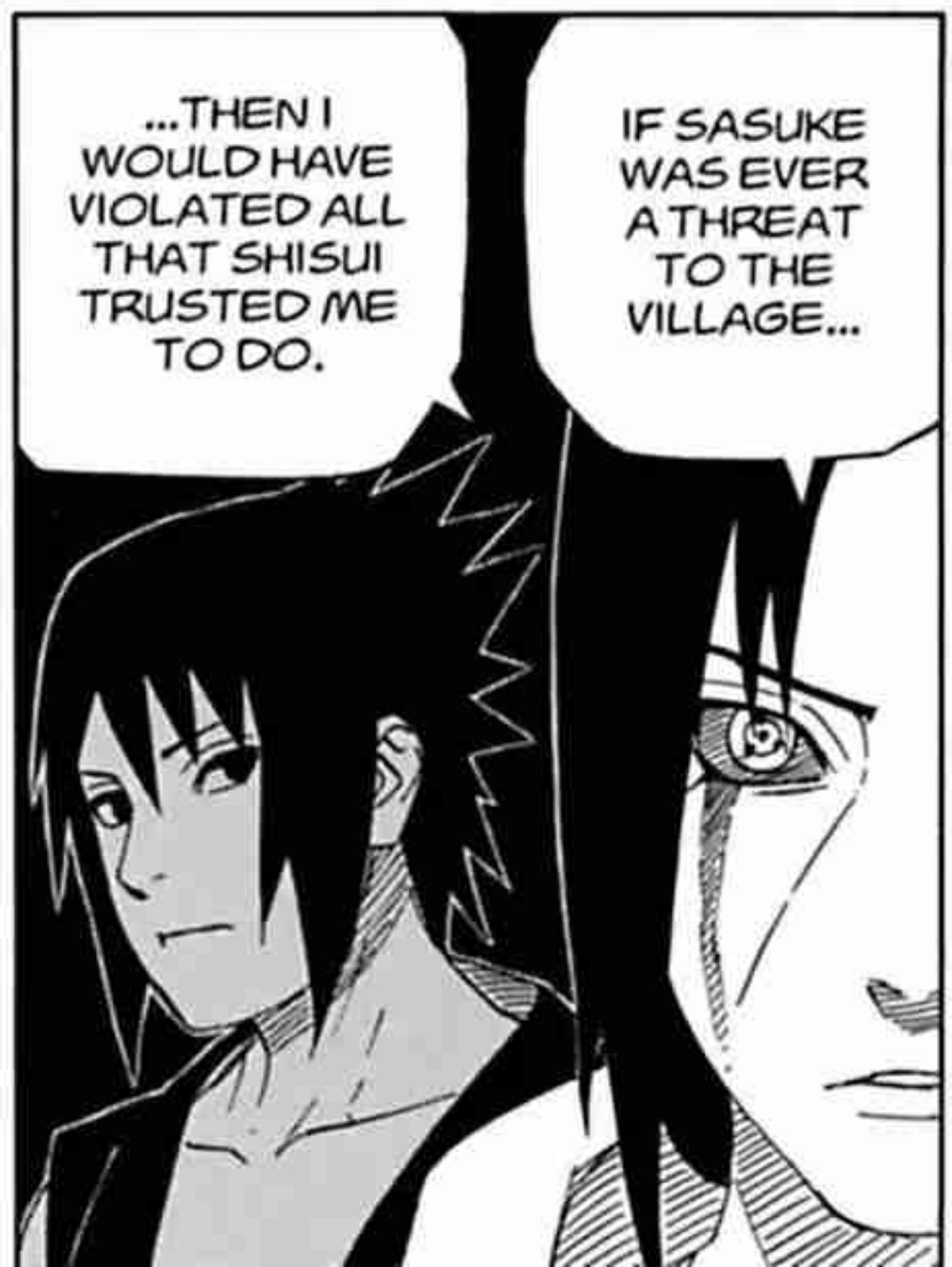
WSH

WHEN I LAST SAW SHISUI, DANZO HAD ALREADY STOLEN ONE EYE FROM HIM.
I HELPED HIM.

HE ASKED ME TO HIDE THE EYE'S EXISTENCE BEFORE HE DIED.
SHISUI BEQUEATHED ONE OF HIS EYES TO ME, TELLING ME TO USE IT TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE.
HE MADE IT LOOK LIKE IT HIS EYES HAD BEEN DESTROYED AND TOOK HIS OWN LIFE, IN ORDER TO PREVENT FUTURE CONFLICT OVER HIS EYES.

THE OTHER I GAVE TO YOU, A NINJA WITH THE SAME INTEGRITY AS SHISUI.


YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD EVER MAKE IT RIGHT.


...THEN I WOULD HAVE VIOLATED ALL THAT SHISUI TRUSTED ME TO DO.
IF SASUKE WAS EVER A THREAT TO THE VILLAGE...

...

I KNEW YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD STOP SASUKE.

YOU SAID YOU CONSIDER SASUKE A BROTHER.

THE CROW WOULD CAST THE KOTO AMATSUKAMI TO PROTECT KONOHA UPON SASUKE.

THE CROW WAS SET TO EMERGE FROM YOU WHEN COMING INTO CONTACT WITH MY EYES.

HE WANTED THAT TRUE POWER, THE ETERNAL MANGEKYO.

I KNEW SASUKE WOULD AT LEAST TRY TO PUT MY EYES INTO HIMSELF.

I HAD TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT MY DEATH WOULD DO TO SASUKE.

UNLESS YOU POSSESS SENJU HASHIRAMA'S CHAKRA.

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST USE SHISUI'S EYE TO CAST THAT JUTSU UPON SASUKE FROM THE GET-GO?!

...

IT TAKES 10-PLUS YEARS FOR SHISUI'S MANGEKYO TO REACTIVATE.

I COULDN'T. NOT THEN.

THAT WAS MY PLAN.

THANKS FOR TRUSTING ME.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE.
ITACHI...

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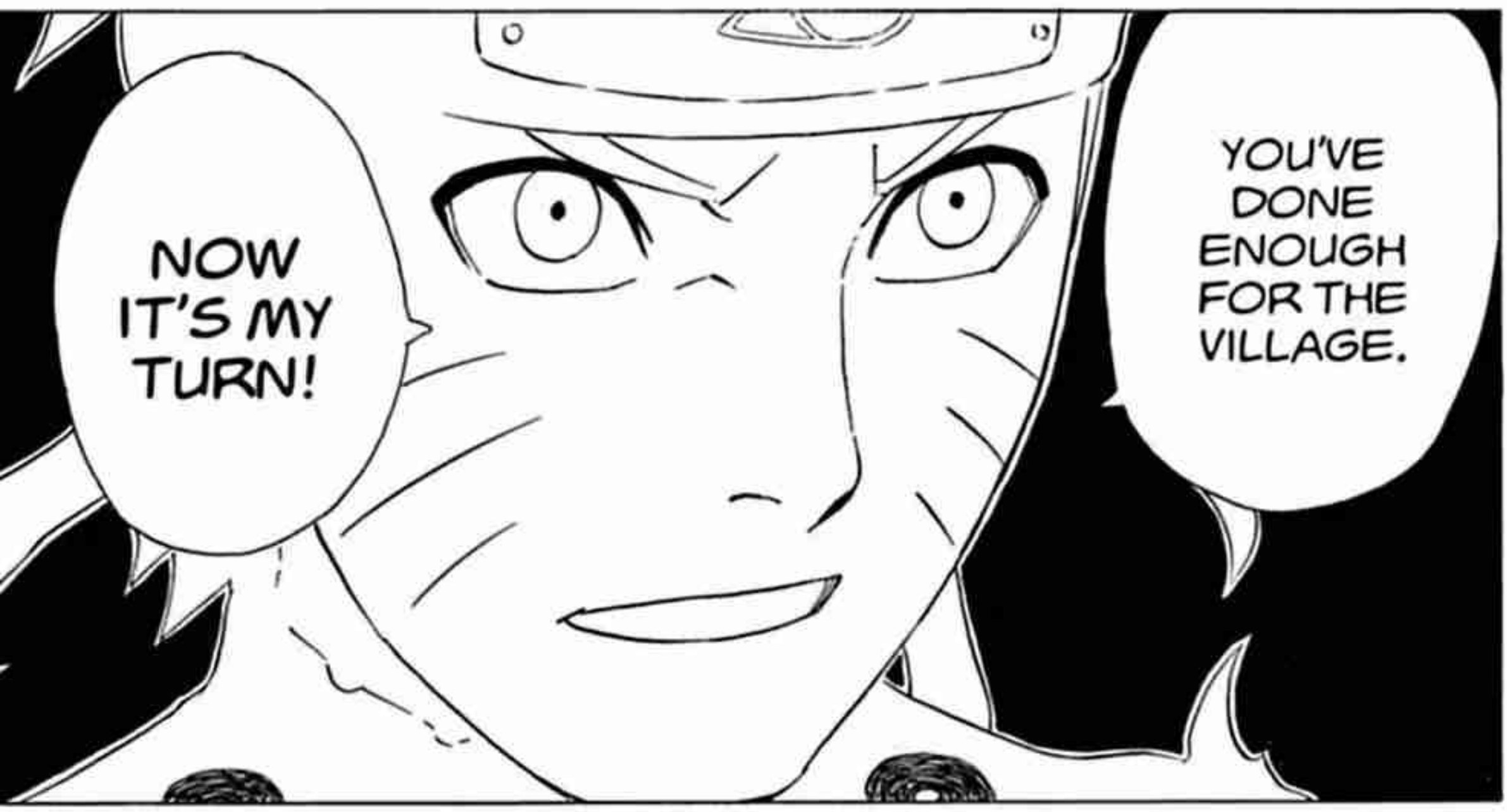

NOW IT'S MY TURN!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR THE VILLAGE.

LUCK JUST KEEPS SMILING UPON ME.
HEH HEH. SHISUI'S EYE?

...

BUT I WOULD ALSO STOP SASUKE WITHOUT KILLING HIM!
I WOULD DEFEND KONOHA!

CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE

HE'S LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS HIS FRIEND.
MY LITTLE BROTHER ...

ALMIGHTY PUSH!

READ THIS WAY
FSH
KLOP
ALMIGHTY PUSH!!
WHERE'D HE GO?!
BOOM
YOU FOOL, YA♪ I'M A SCHOOL YA ♪
VOO
SH
FSH
!
!!

LARIAT !!!

CHOO
YOU OKAY, OCTOPOPS ?!
WHAM

SHIT
HOOK

WAP
BAM

?!
WHAM

IT'S...!!
NINGENDO!
FOOSH

CHAK

WHA?

NRRRRRRR

Number 551: Stop Nagato!!

ZWOO

YOU HAVE ALL OF PAIN'S JUTSU!

AND A NINJUTSU ABSORBER!

RASENGAN!!

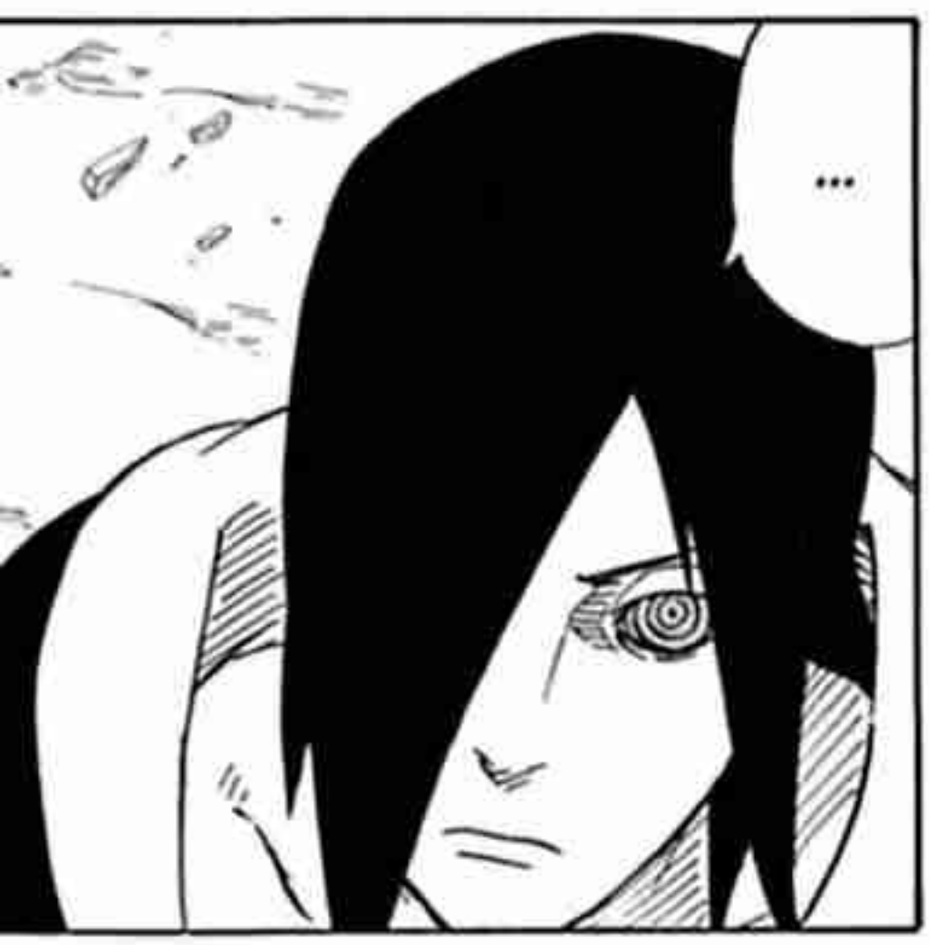
B-BUT I DON'T KNOW THIS ONE?!

ZW

PO

DUH! RIGHT!
I'M SO STUPID!
ABSORPTION JUTSU!

ZWOOSH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NAGATO! BUT WHAT'S THIS JUTSU?
TELL ME!

FLIK FLIK
FLIK

JIGO-KUDO!

HE'S GOT TOTAL HOLD OF ME!

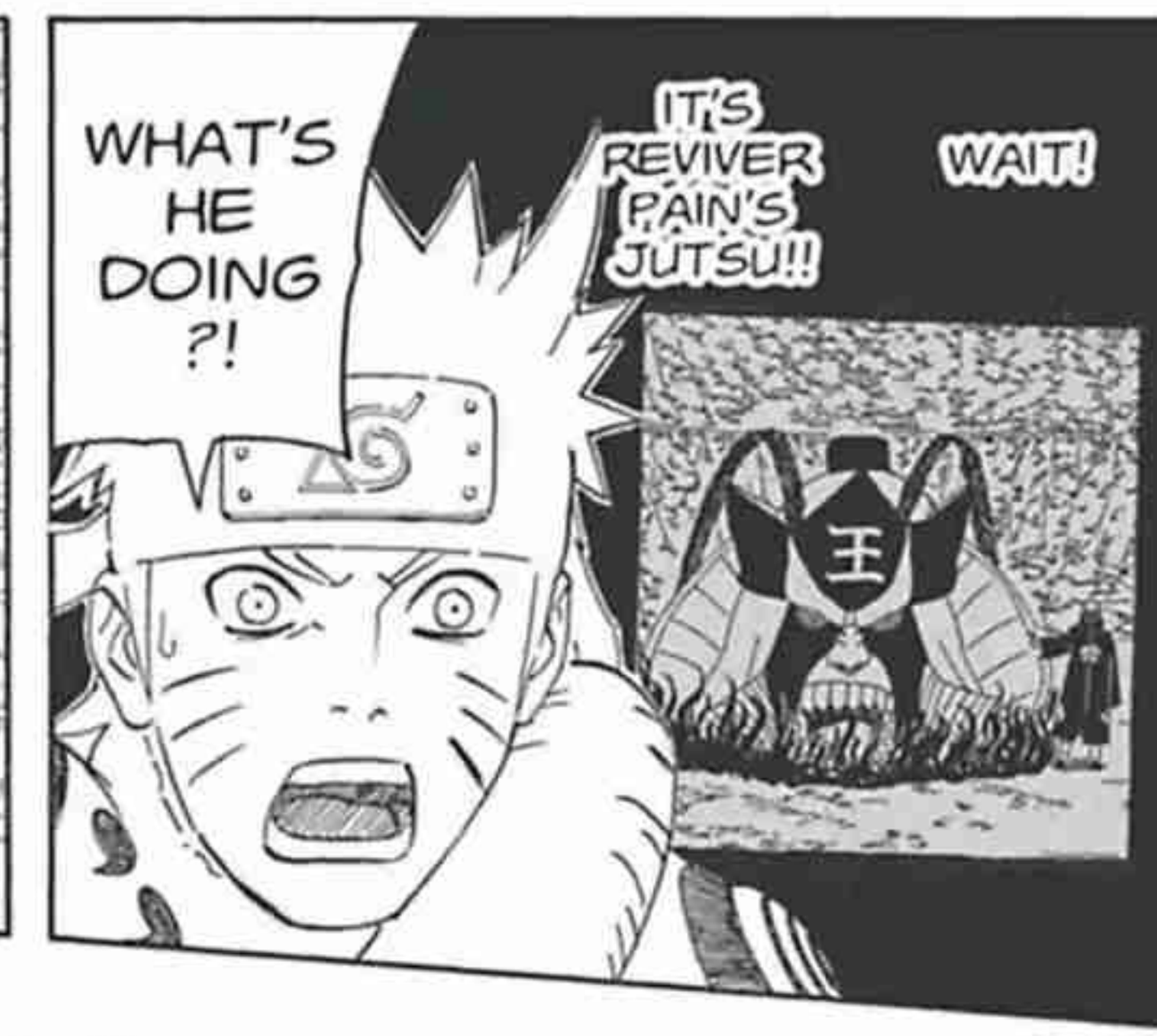
!!

ZWO

王

OSH

I'M GOING TO HAVE NINGENDO EXTRACT THEIR SOULS AND KILL THEM OFF.
HE'LL HIDE THEIR BODIES AND SOULS USING THE JIGOKUDO, BRING THEM BACK TO ME, THEN REVIVE THEM.


WHAT'S HE DOING ?!
IT'S REVIVER PAIN'S JUTSU!!
WAIT!
王

I'M GETTING WEAK. NOT GOOD!
MY LIFE FORCE? NO WAY!
BOOM

NOW, WHAT OTHER TRICKS CAN HE DO AGAIN?
I CAN MAKE THE TWO JINCHŪRIKI MINE WITHOUT MADARA DISCOVERING WHAT I'M UP TO.

BZZP
BOOM
GRRRR

!!

GAK

鉄

ZOT

ZOT

SHURADO !!

?!!

KACHK
KACHK
EO
!
UNGGH.
ZWOO

KACHAK
YA SURE HAVE A LOT OF HANDS THERE♪ AND YOUR JUTSU JUST TEAR THROUGH THE AIR♪

UGH!
NARUTO, REMEMBER THE TUG-OF-WAR YOU DID WITH NINE TAILS!!
KOOSH
ZWOOO

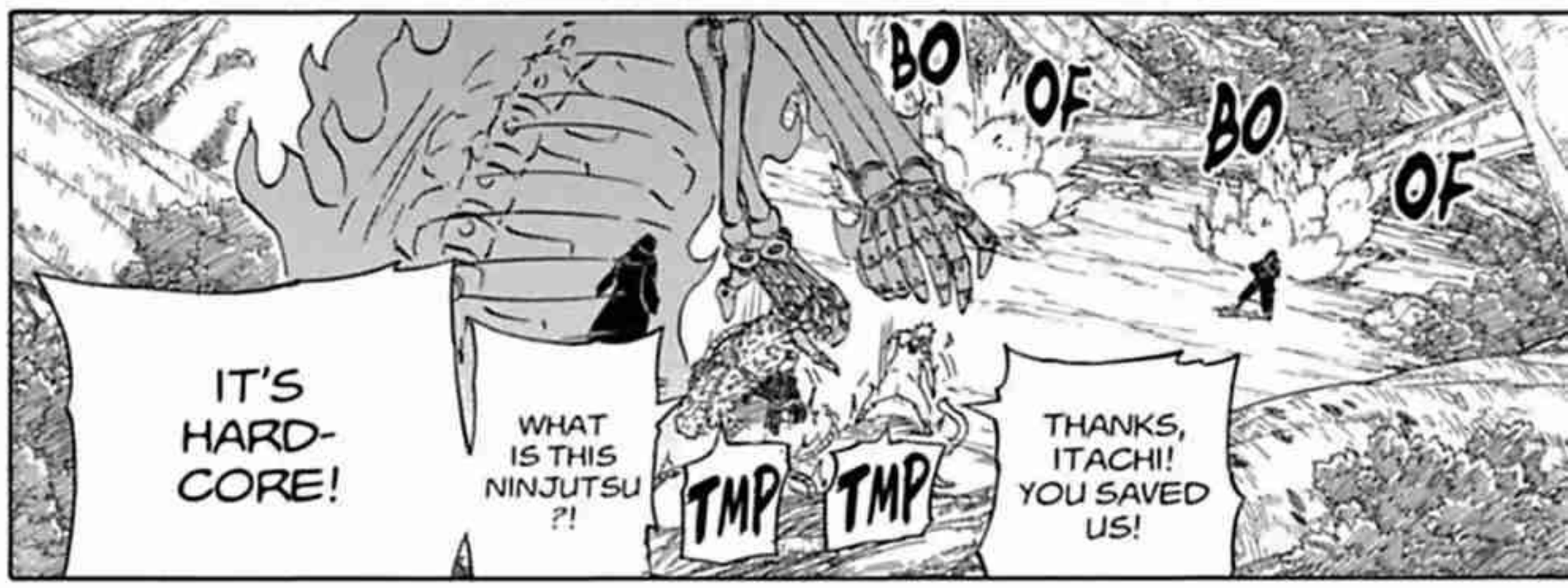
...!
KWEEEN

SUSANO'O!!
ZL
ASH
GA
K
!
SCREECH
GAK

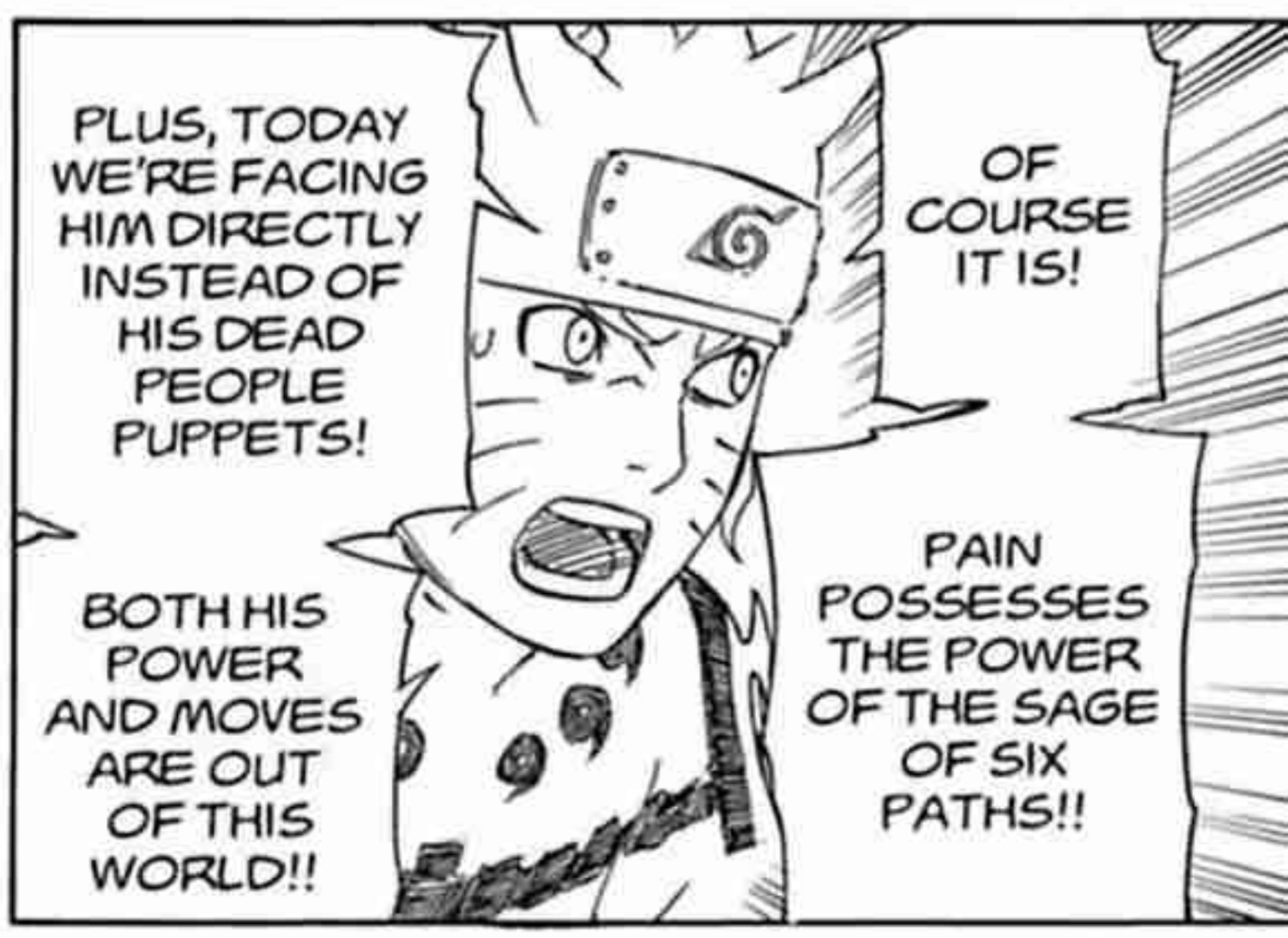
CATASTROPHIC PLANETARY CONSTRUCTION!
ZWOO

URK

THERE'S STILL THAT JUTSU WHERE HE CAN CREATE A PLANET THAT WILL TRAP THEM.
THAT'S RIGHT.


IT'S HARD-CORE!
WHAT IS THIS NINJUTSU ?!
BO OF
BO OF
TMP
TMP
THANKS, ITACHI! YOU SAVED US!

HERE HE COMES.


PLUS, TODAY WE'RE FACING HIM DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF HIS DEAD PEOPLE PUPPETS!
BOTH HIS POWER AND MOVES ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!!
OF COURSE IT IS!
PAIN POSSESSES THE POWER OF THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS!!

FSH
WHP
WHP
WHP
WHP
PLAP
PLAP
WAAH!
WHAT IS THAT?!
THAT BLACK SPHERE APPEARS TO HAVE QUITE A STRONG GRAVI-TATIONAL PULL.
KRAK
KRAK

IF IT'S SUCH A SURE DEATH, HOW COME YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?

WHAT?!
HEY, NARUTO.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT UP IN IT, YOU'RE DONE FOR!
H-HE UNLEASHED THIS JUTSU AGAINST ME ONCE BEFORE!
IT'S SUPER-BAD, YA KNOW!!

NO MORE JOKES. NO MORE RAPS!
THIS IS SERIOUS !!
A-HA HA HA, IN THAT CASE, WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT♪ WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS FIGHT♪

...
...

ENOUGH.
NOW, I BELIEVE THAT BLACK SPHERE NAGATO JUST THREW IS THE CENTRAL CORE OF THIS JUTSU.
ONE MUST BE CALM IN ORDER TO ANALYZE PROPERLY.

IT'S TOO STRONG!!
IF WE GET TRAPPED, WE'LL NEVER GET OUT!
I ONLY GOT FREE LAST TIME BECAUSE NINE TAILS RAMPAGED!

BUT I CAN'T AIM WELL UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES!

ALL THREE OF US NEED TO SIMUL-TANEOUSLY UNLEASH OUR MOST POWERFUL LONG-DISTANCE NINJUTSU AT THAT CORE!

SO I SUSPECT DESTROYING IT IS THE ANSWER.

EVERY JUTSU HAS A WEAK POINT! YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND IT!

DON'T WORRY. IT'LL HIT EVEN IF YOU DON'T AIM AT ALL.

THIS TACTIC TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE CORE'S TOO-STRONG GRAVITATIONAL PULL.

ZZZ

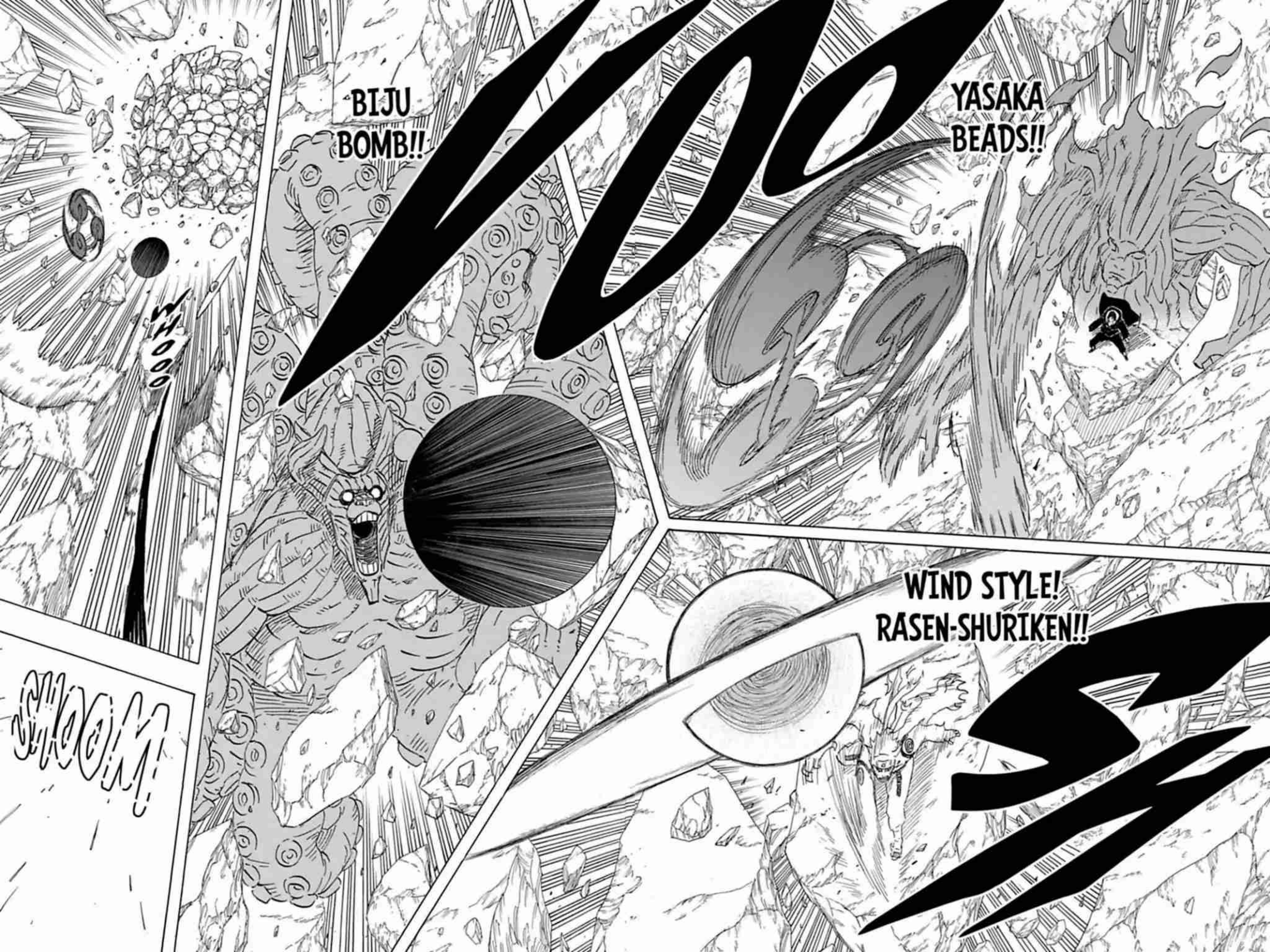
OK!!

ALL RIGHT, ME TOO!!

THAT WAS FAST!!

WHAM

THOOM


BIJU BOMB!!
YASAKA BEADS!!
WHOOO
WIND STYLE! RASEN-SHURIKEN!!
SHOOM!!

BOO

SSH

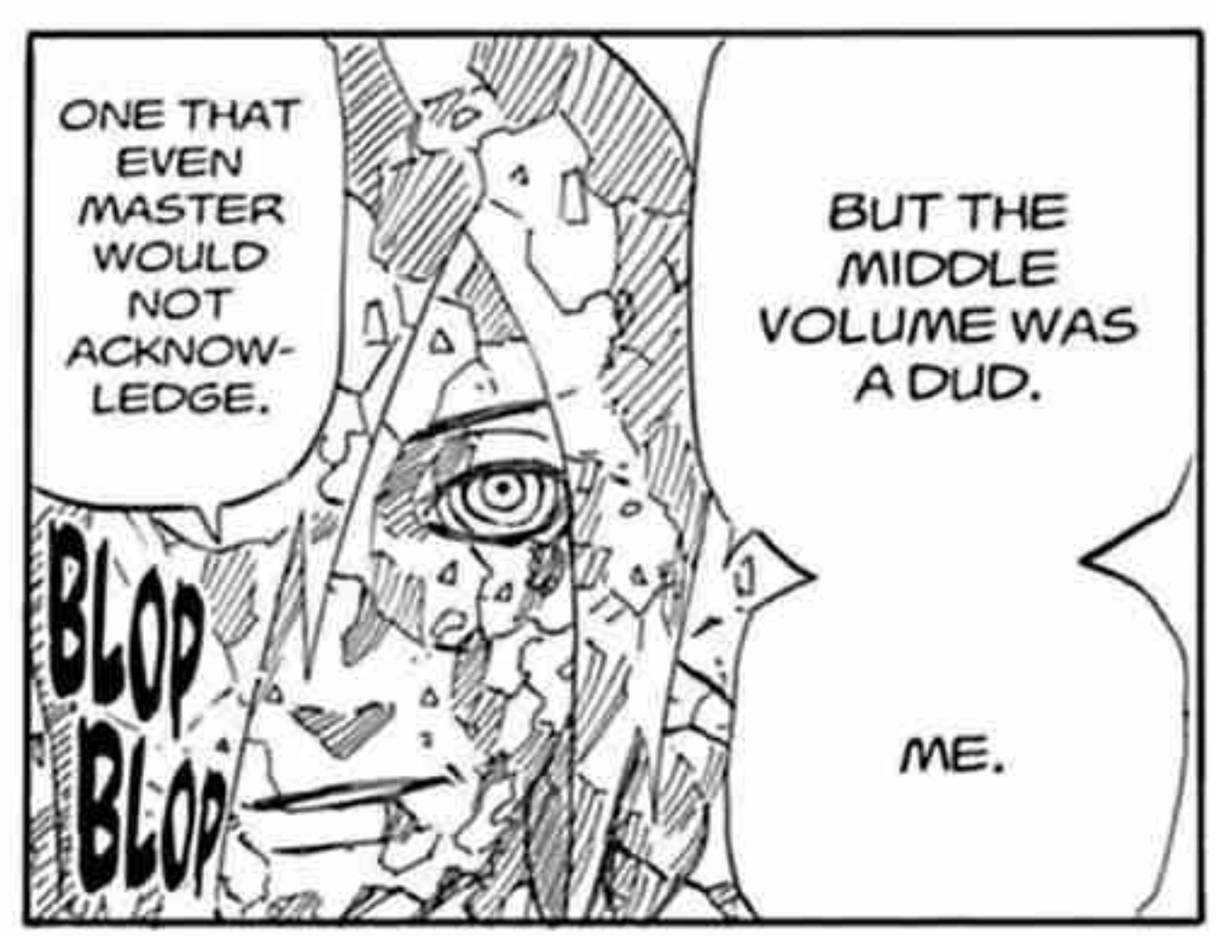
!!
SWAP

RR RR RRRR RR

PLIK
PLIK
FORGIVE ME, ITACHI.

IT'S THE TOTSUKA BLADE. YOU'LL BE SEALED AWAY SOON. ANY LAST WORDS?
YOU'RE BACK.

SWOO



NARUTO! YOU MUST BE THE MASTERPIECE THAT FINISHES THIS TRILOGY AND IS SO AMAZING THAT NO ONE REMEMBERS THE WASTE THAT WAS IN THE MIDDLE...THE WASTE THAT WAS ME!

THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF A SERIES DEPENDS ON THE THIRD AND FINAL VOLUME!

ZOT

ZWOOO

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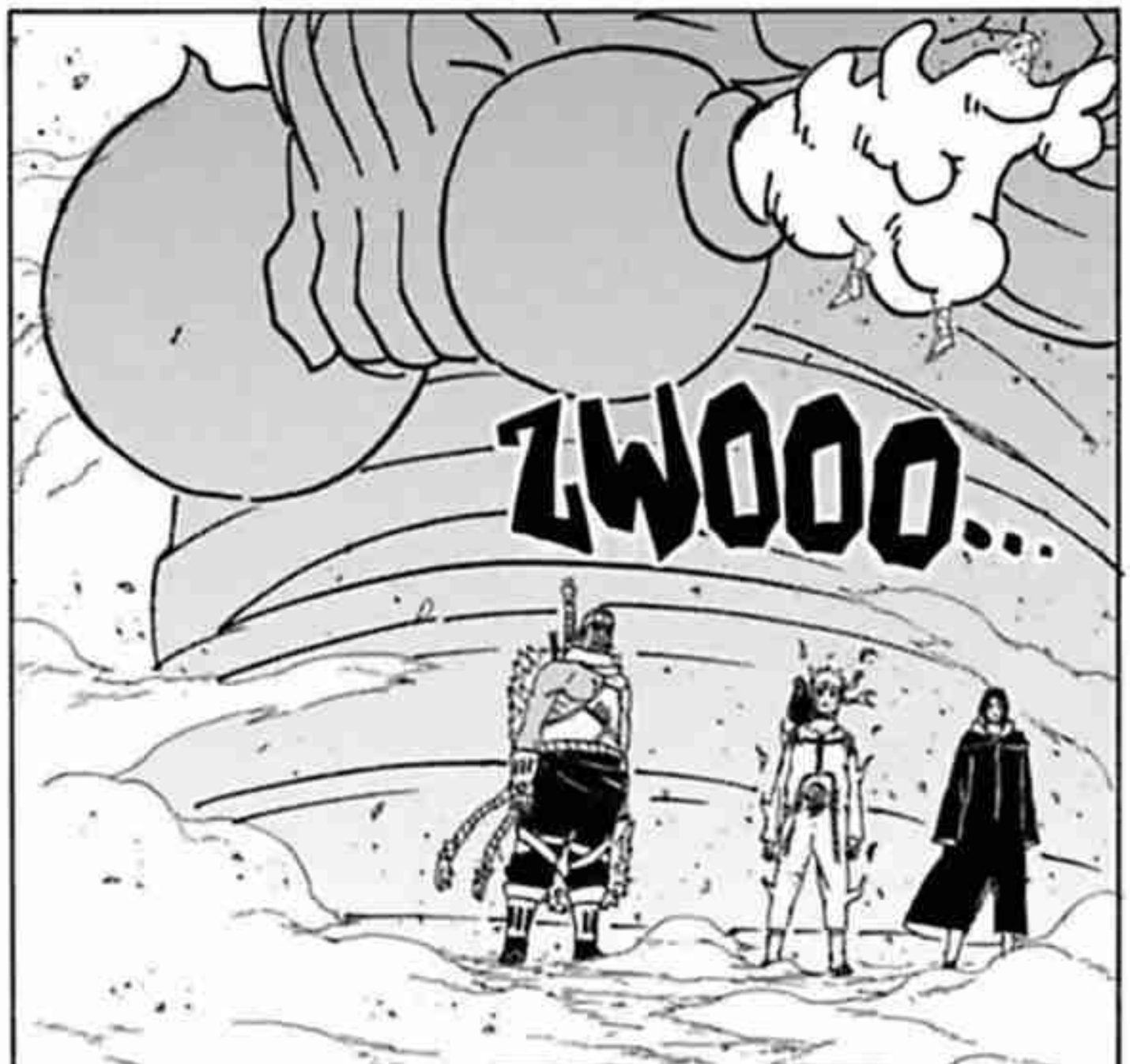


ZWOP

Number 552: To Be a Hokage...!!

I THOUGHT THE SYNCHRONIZED SIGHT OF THE KUCHIYOSE RINNEGAN WOULD HELP.
BUT ITACHI USES BLIND SPOTS TO HIT HIS TARGETS WITH KUNAI!!
SH SH SH

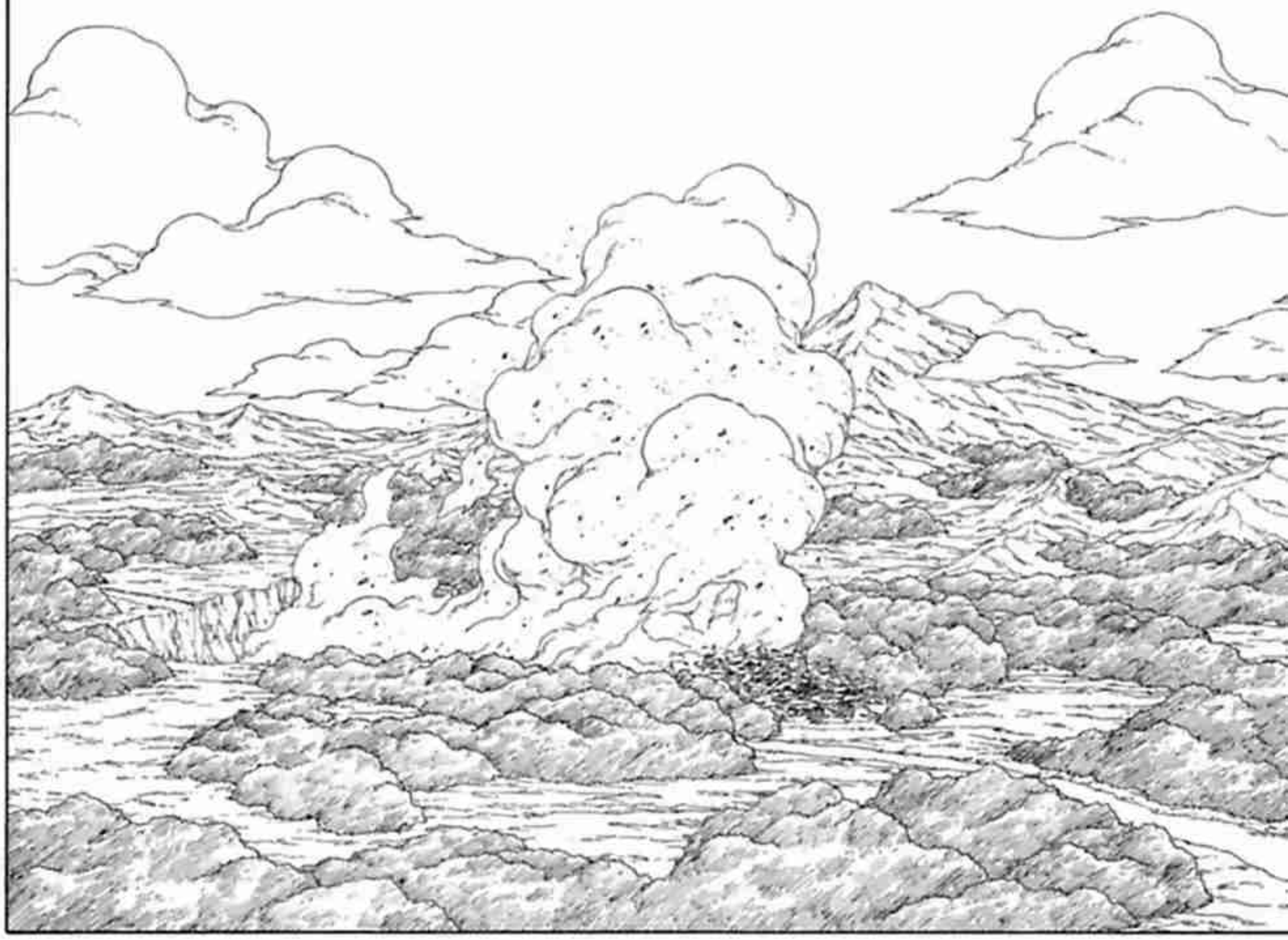
NAGATO!
HE'S NOT MOBILE ENOUGH.

...

THK THK
THK
THK
THK
THERE'S NO WAY TO GET OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE!

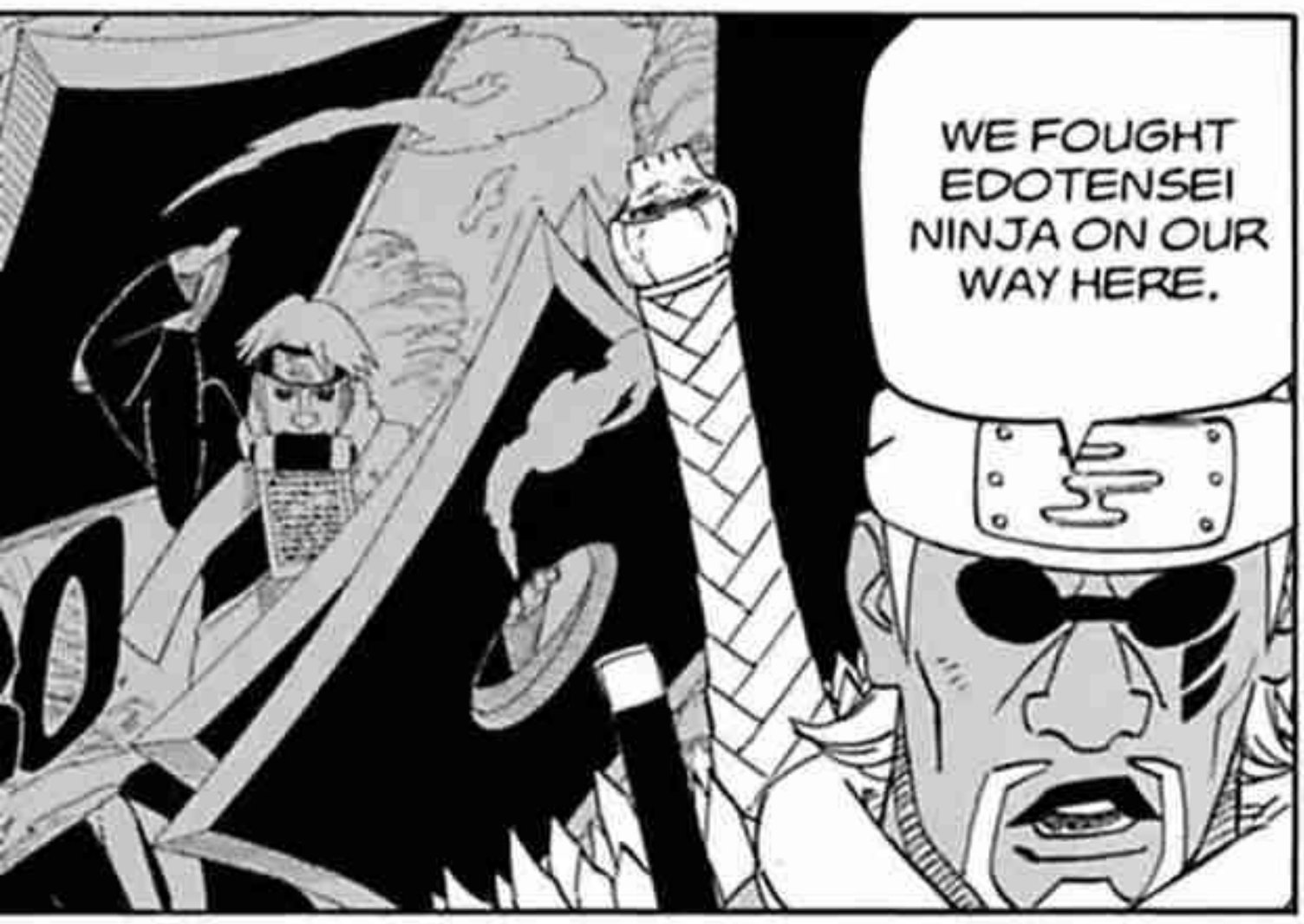
SW
OOSH

I GUESS ...
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BRING OUT MY SPECIAL RESERVE!
SLURP



I LEAVE MADARA TO YOU TWO.
I'LL STOP THE EDOTENSEI.

YOU HAVE TO FIGHT PEOPLE YOU DON'T WANT TO!
ARE ALL THE BATTLES LIKE THIS?
I HATE EDOTEN-WHATEVER JUTSU!


WE FOUGHT EDOTENSEI NINJA ON OUR WAY HERE.

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EVERY JUTSU HAS A WEAK POINT. YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND IT.
DIDN'T I SAY ALREADY?

THERE'S NO WEAK SPOT TO THIS JUTSU?
SUNA SHINOBI SEALED HIM AWAY. BUT YOU CAN'T KILL THEM.

SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS!!
NO... I'LL STOP IT!
I ALREADY SAID! I WILL DO IT!

I WONDER..

...
FSH

BOOM

PSSH~

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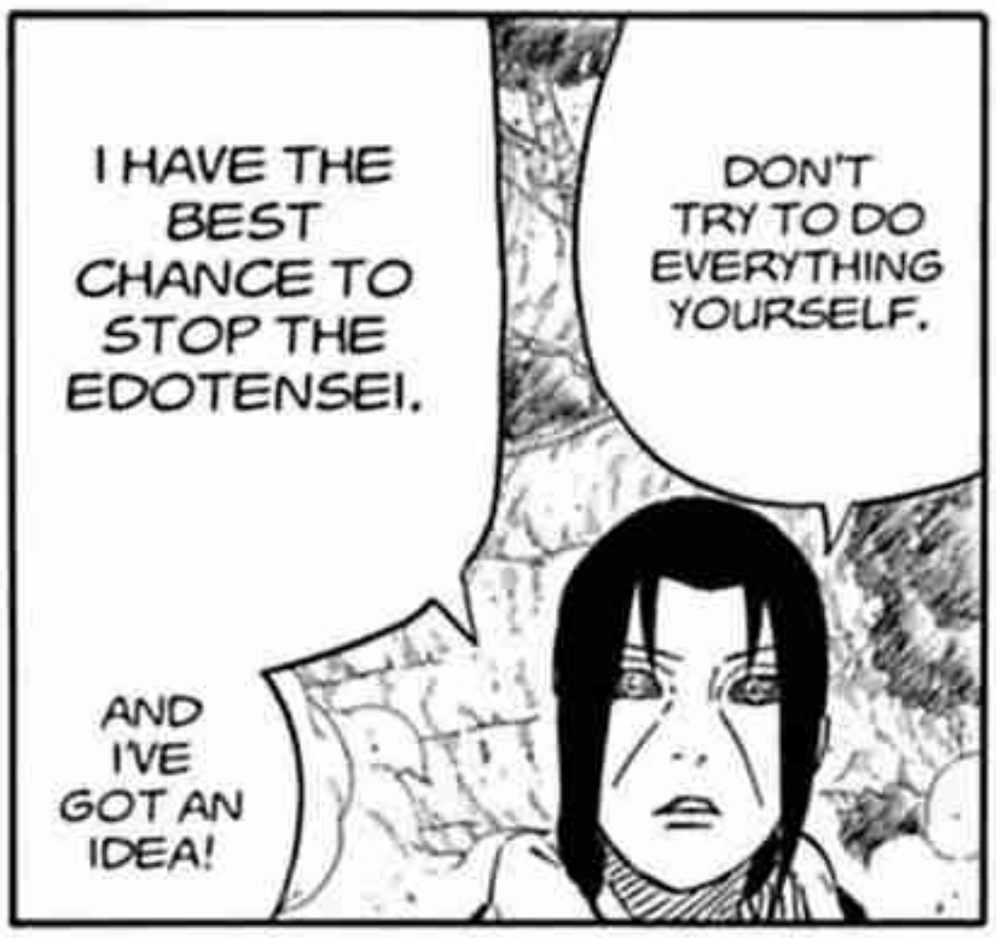

I HAVE THE BEST CHANCE TO STOP THE EDOTENSEI.
DON'T TRY TO DO EVERYTHING YOURSELF.
AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

YOU'VE OVERUSED THE NINE TAILS CHAKRA MODE.
UNGH!
NO MORE DOPPEL-GANGERS RIGHT NOW, NARUTO!

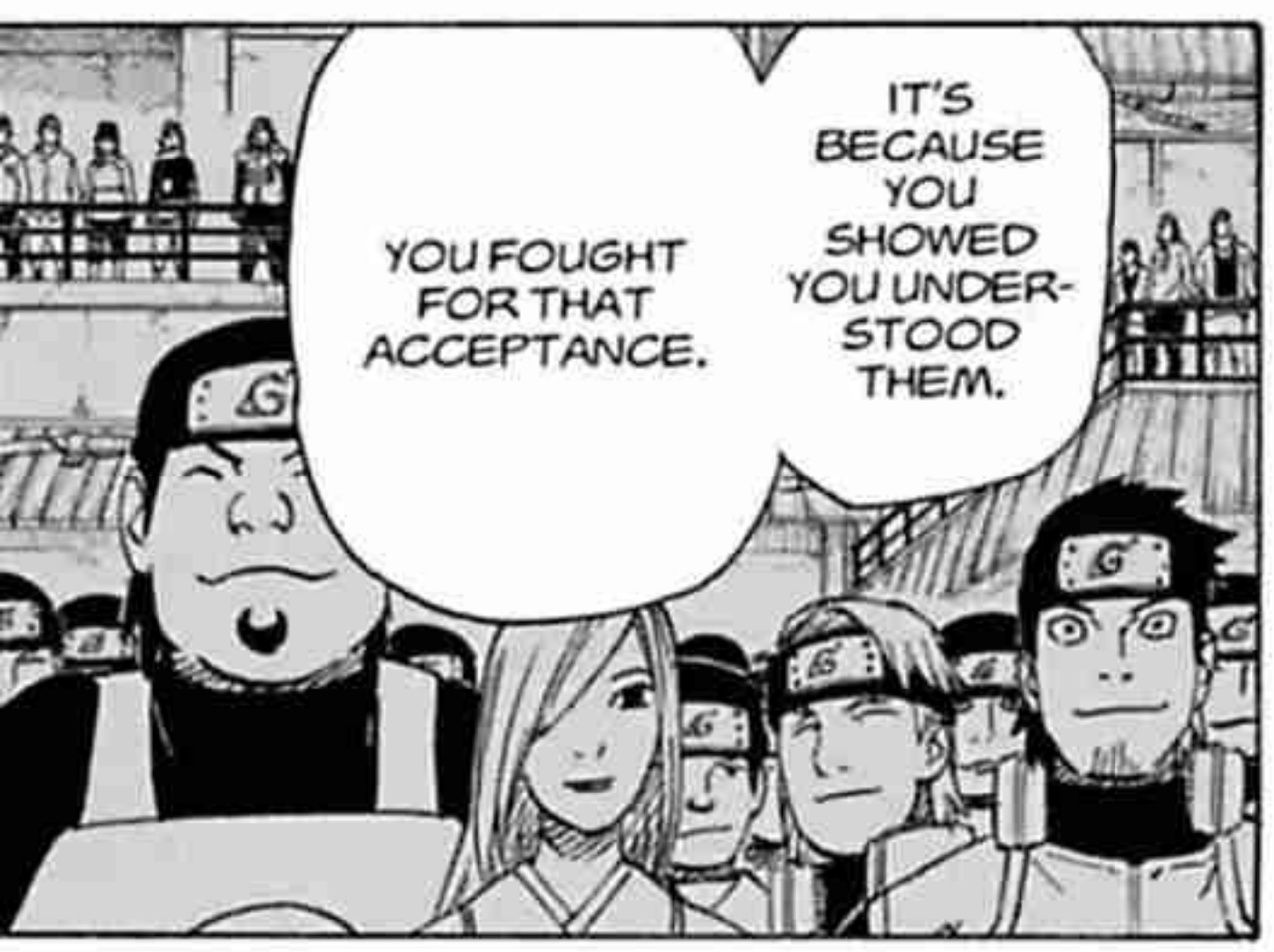
HUF
HUF

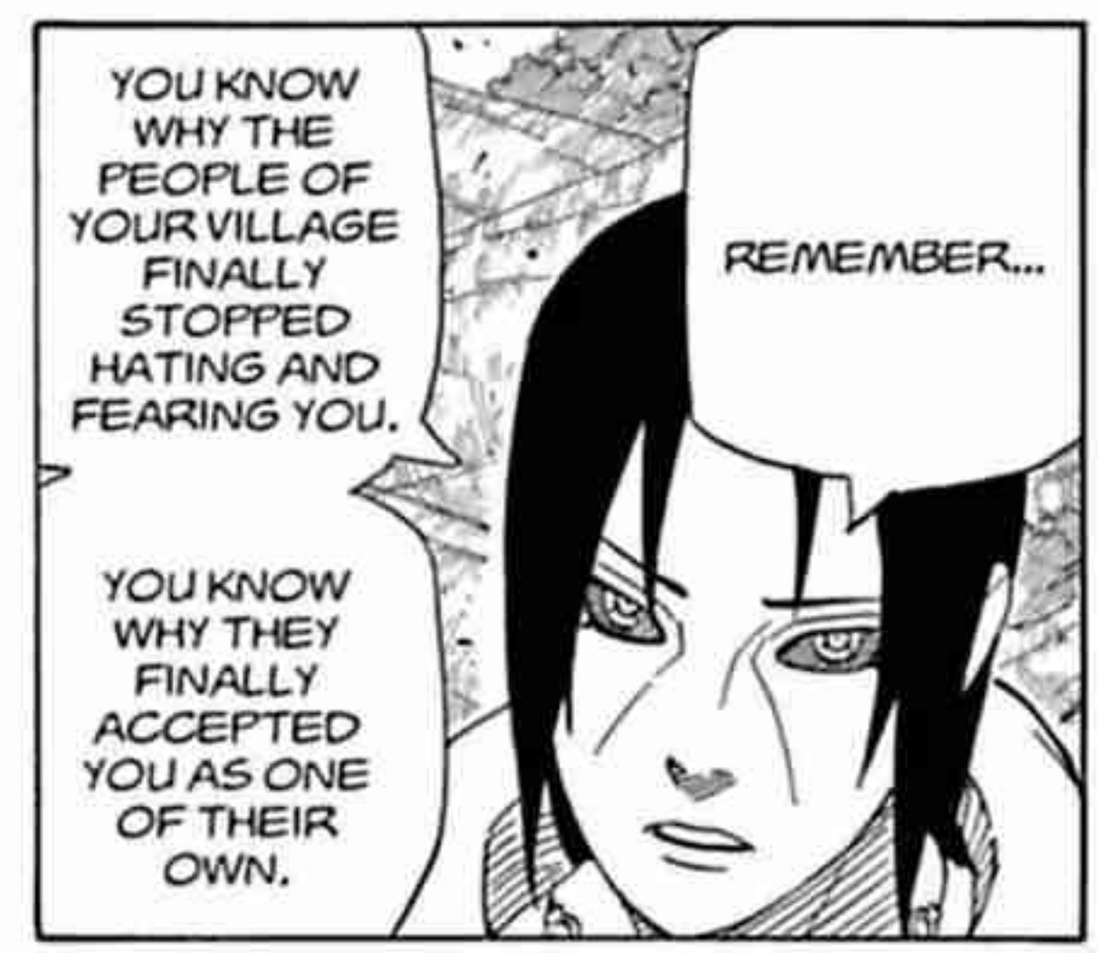
...

I CAN TAKE IT ALL ON!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS WAR, ALL BY MYSELF!!
...IT'S MY DUTY!!
BOOF

...

?!
YOU ARE STRONGER. YOU HAVE MUCH MORE POWER.
BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING QUITE IMPORTANT.


YOU FOUGHT FOR THAT ACCEPTANCE.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SHOWED YOU UNDER-STOOD THEM.


YOU KNOW WHY THE PEOPLE OF YOUR VILLAGE FINALLY STOPPED HATING AND FEARING YOU.
YOU KNOW WHY THEY FINALLY ACCEPTED YOU AS ONE OF THEIR OWN.
REMEMBER...

BUT IF YOU FORGET THAT, IF YOU BECOME SO POWERFUL THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER WHY YOU ARE NOW STRONG...
YOU SAID IT WAS EVERYONE WHO CARES ABOUT YOU WHO HELPED YOU GET WHERE YOU ARE NOW.
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WAPWAP
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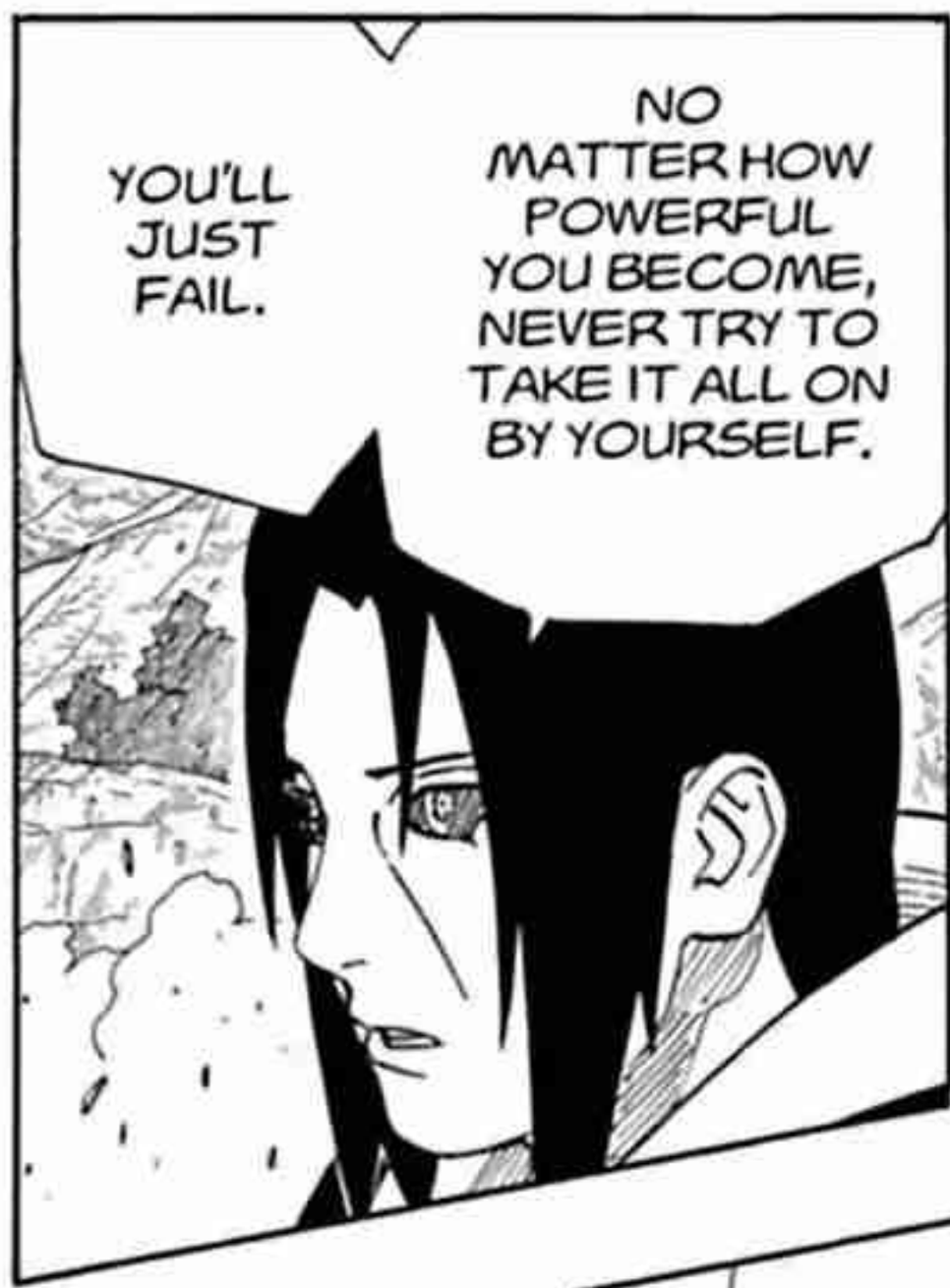
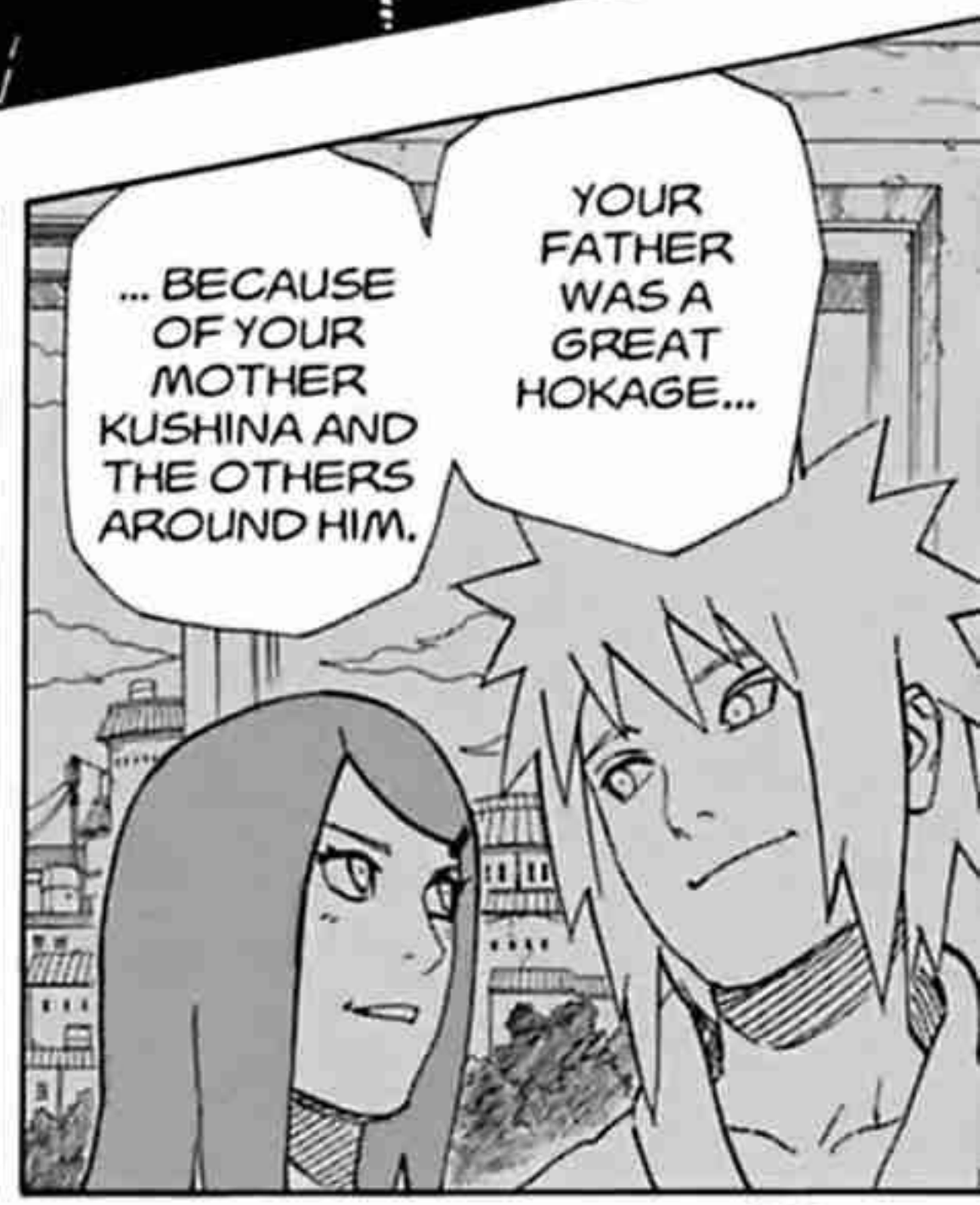
...YOU'LL EVENTUALLY BECOME LIKE MADARA.


YOU'LL JUST FAIL.
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL YOU BECOME, NEVER TRY TO TAKE IT ALL ON BY YOURSELF.

...?

YOU SHARE YOUR FATHER'S GOALS, YES?
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN YOU CAN'T EVER FORGET...


YOUR FATHER WAS A GREAT HOKAGE...
... BECAUSE OF YOUR MOTHER KUSHINA AND THE OTHERS AROUND HIM.

BEING HOKAGE IS NOT ABOUT SUDDENLY BEING RECOGNIZED IN YOUR VILLAGE, NARUTO.

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY RECOGNIZED AND ADMIRED WILL EVER BECOME HOKAGE.

NEVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS.

...

WHY SHOULD YOU CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BURDENS OF EVERYONE ELSE?

I HAVE TO PROTECT YOU. YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE.
NARUTO, I SWORE AN OATH TO IRUKA.
IF I'M ALIVE, I'M WITH YOU.

?!!

YOU'RE KINDA RIGHT.
I FORGOT.
I THOUGHT I HAD TO DO IT ALONE.

WAP
WAP
...

SHISUI'S EYE WON'T WORK FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS NOW.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE IT AGAINST SASUKE.

WHY?!

CAW!

FABOOSH

BUT YOU CAN TALK TO SASUKE!

MAYBE THIS TIME...

NO...

YOU CAN STOP SASUKE WITHOUT THE EYE.

AND THAT IS ACTUALLY WHAT HE REALLY WANTED TO PASS ON.

BUT YOU POSSESS SOMETHING EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN HIS EYE. YOU HAVE ACCESS TO SHISUI'S SOUL.

YOU DON'T NEED THE EYE ANY-MORE.

I LEAVE SASUKE TO YOU.

THIS TIME, I LEAVE THE TASK TO A FRIEND.

I TRIED TO DO EVERYTHING BY MYSELF TOO. I FAILED.

...

...!

FA SHO!

KILLER BEE. WATCH OVER NARUTO.
!
SHUP

...NOT JUST ALL ABOUT POWER.
YOU'RE A BRILLIANT SHINOBI...

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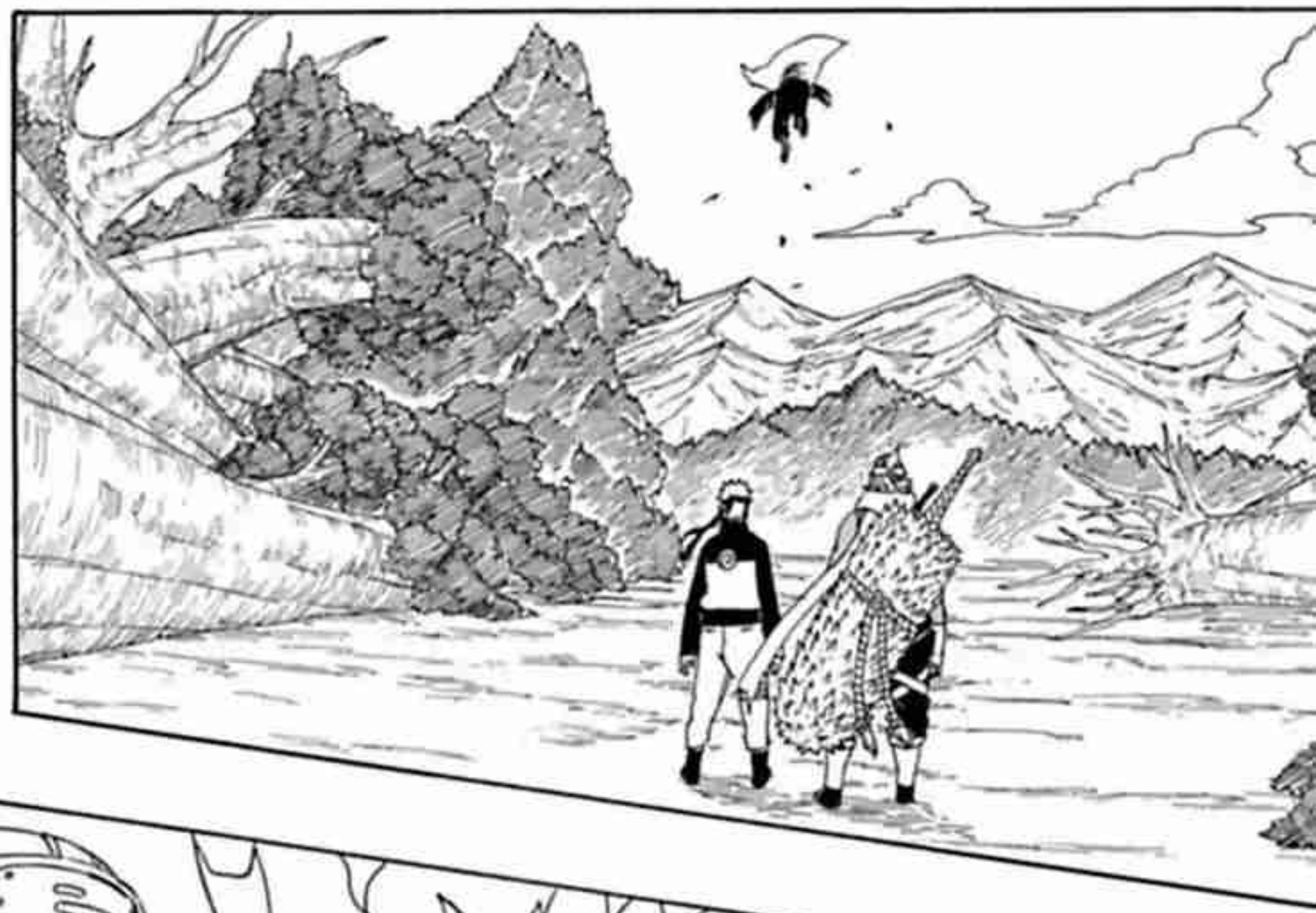
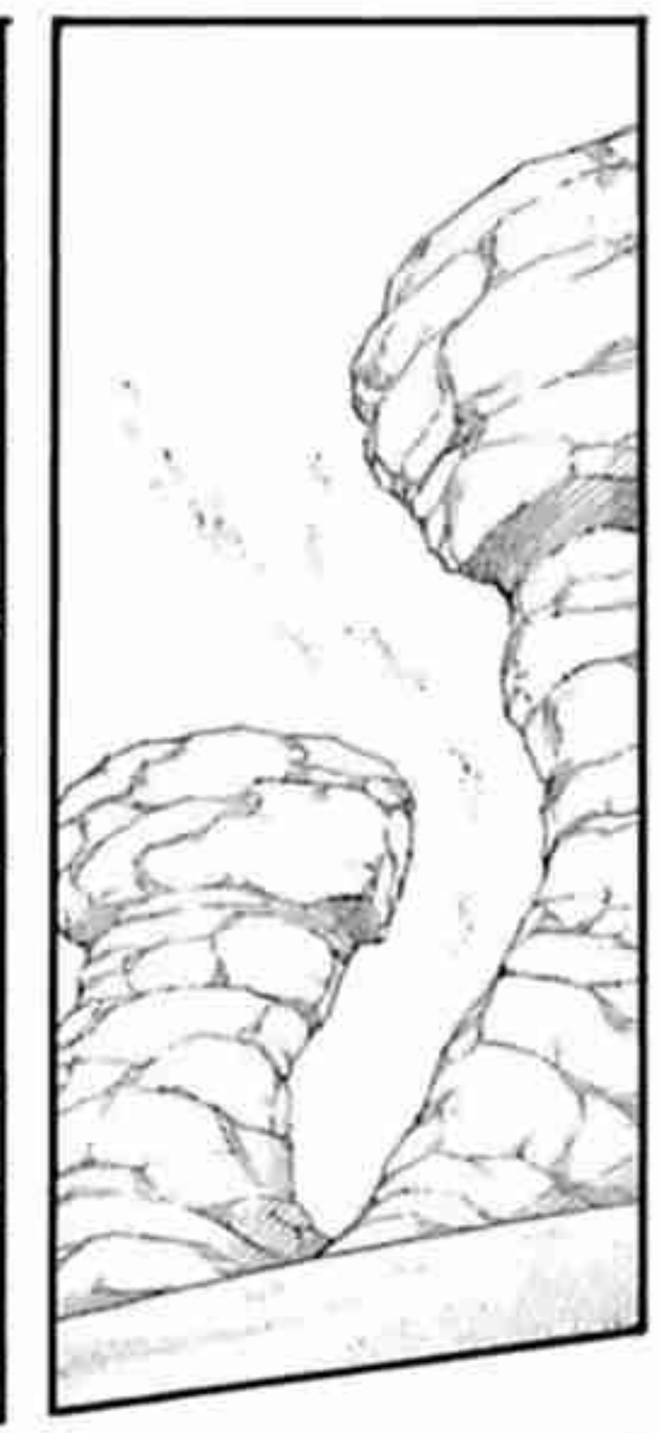


LET'S GO, OCTOPOPS !!
SWOO



THIS ME IS A MIRAGE!
HEY, I TOLD YOU NOT TO ATTACK THIS ME!!

SWISH...
...

FIRST, YOU NEED TO DEFEAT MY GIANT CLAM!

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

TARGET IS THE GIANT CLAM!!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO THIS, PEOPLE!!

FA BOOM

THE CLAM'S CREATING THE MIRAGES?!

KABOOM

FWOOSH

FWOOSH

HUH?!

LIKE I SAID, HE'S HIDING SOME-WHERE BEHIND ME, USING THE MIRAGE AS A COVER!!

ALL RIGHT!! BUT WHERE IS THE REAL ONE, EH?!

THAT CLAM IS ALSO A MIRAGE, FOOLS!!

NO! WILL YOU LISTEN?! I KEEP TELLING YOU!

YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER THE REAL ONE!!!

IRK

SWISH

YAAH!! GAH!!

THD

ER, I WAS ACTUALLY AIMING AT THE CLAM BEHIND YOU.

GAH! I SAID IT'S NO USE ATTACKING THIS ME!!

ARGH, I'M SO CONFUSED!!

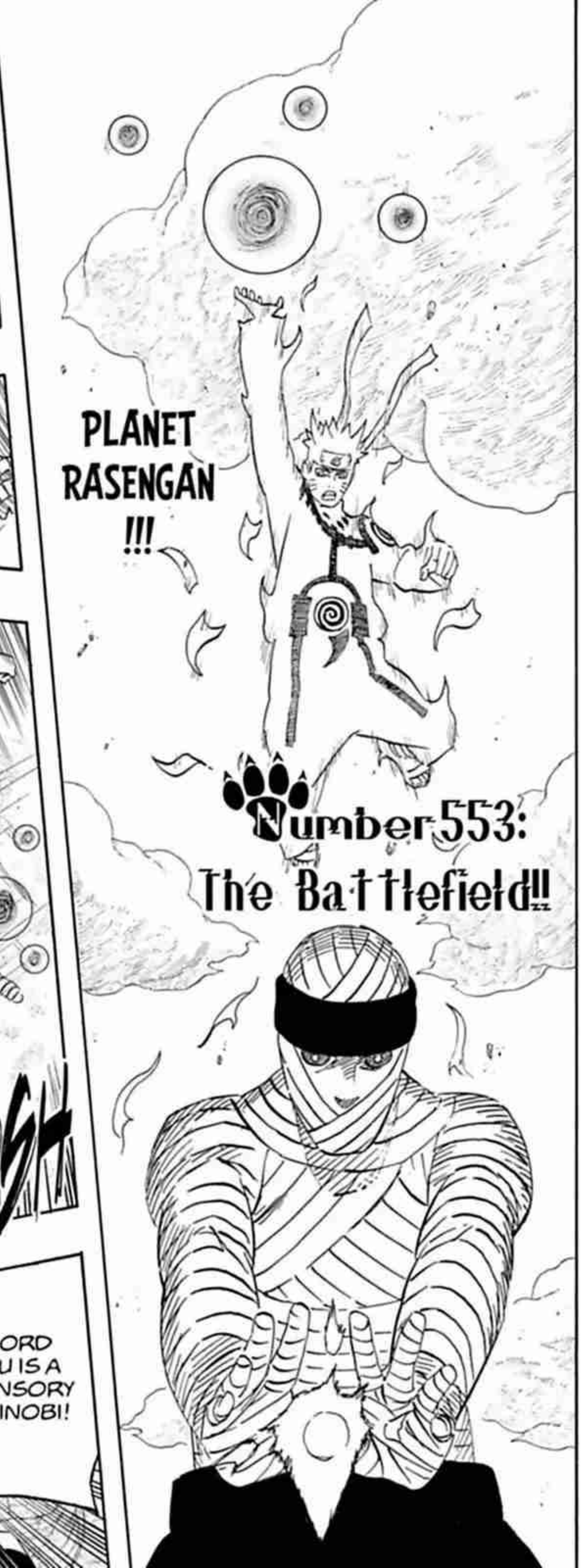
WIND STYLE!
CASTING NET!!

SEALING CORPS, HURRY!!

GOT HIM!!

READ THIS WAY
BEHIND YOU, TSUCHI-KAGE!!
!
!!!
N-NOT NOW!!
GAK
PARTICLE STYLE! ATOMIC DISMANTLING JUTSU!!
FSH
UGH.
KWEEK
!!
THAT'S ...?!
WHEEW

NARUTO



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GAARA!! GIMME SOME SAND!!!

!!

Number 553: The Battlefield!!

DODGE THIS... MY JUTSU IS FASTER THAN YOURS.
USING THE SAND AS A SPRING-BOARD FOR HIS COUNTERATTACK!
FASH
OU
M
SHU
YAH !!
GOOD...!
IT...!
!!

UNNH...
DF DF DF
BZZZ
RASENGAN!!!
YAAH!!!
SHIN
GO
GRINDING
THIS IS A VIOLENTLY ROTATING...

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WAK

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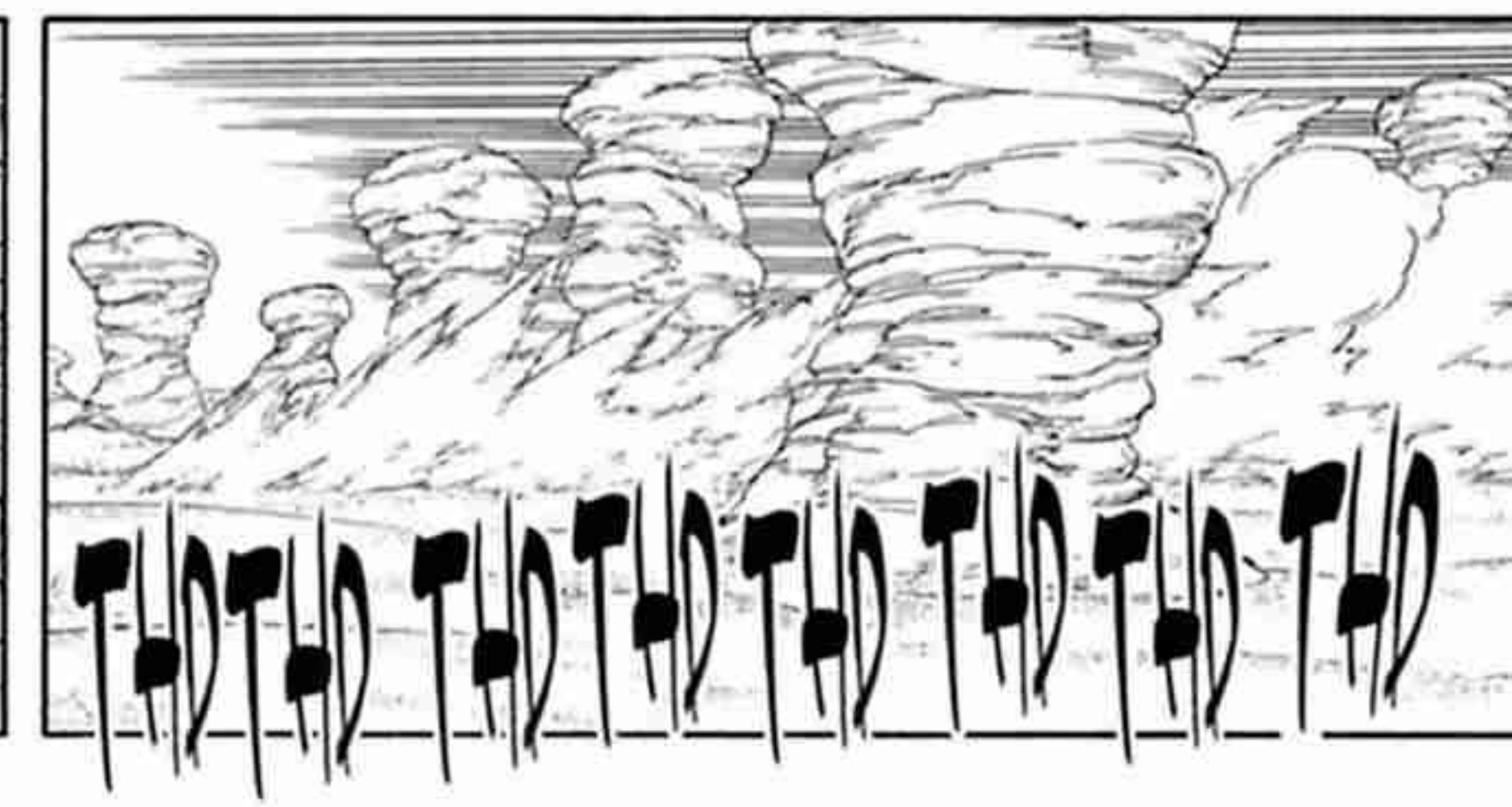
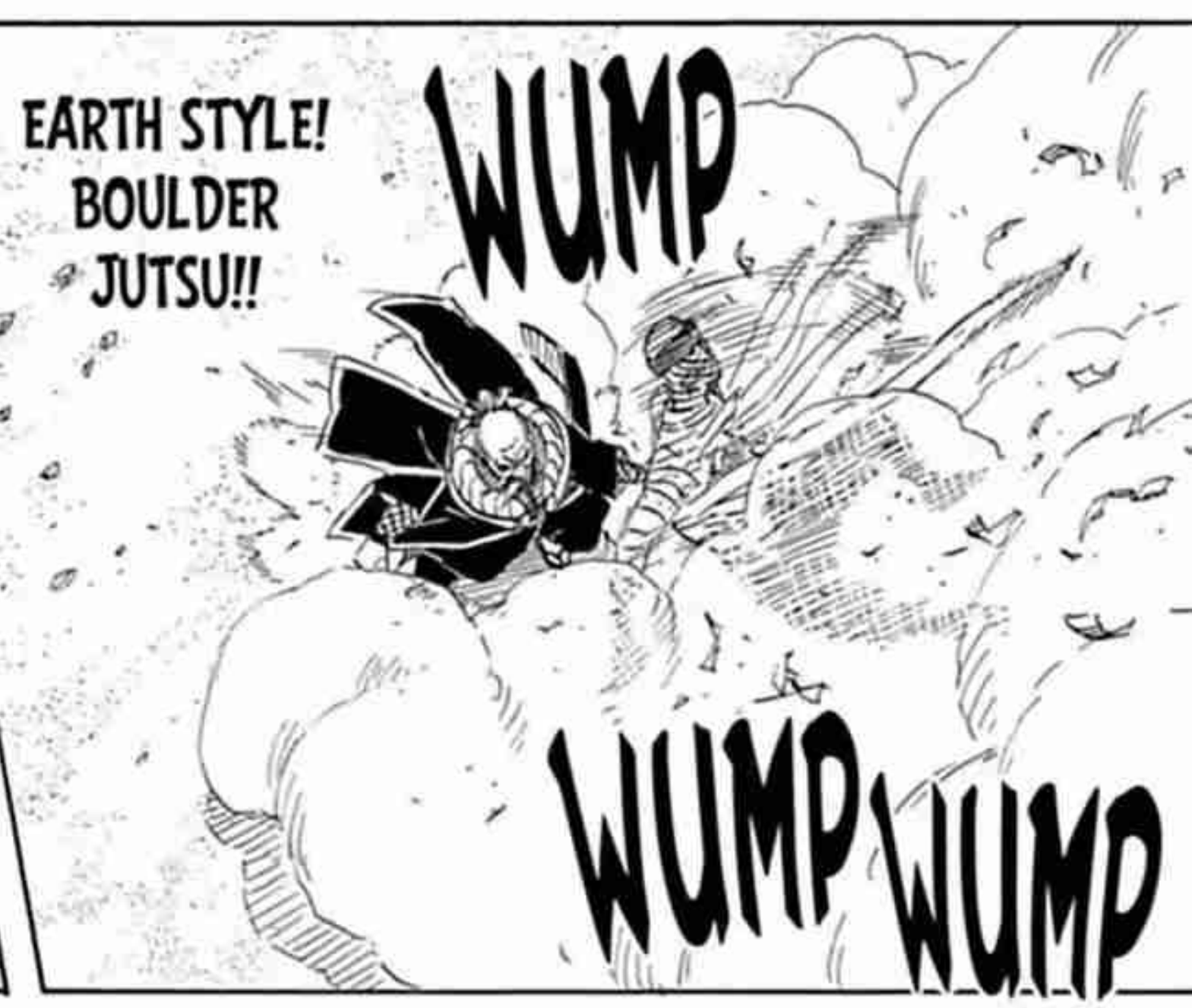

THDTHD THD THD THD THD THD THD

THOOM


EARTH STYLE! BOULDER JUTSU!!
WUMP
WUMP WUMP

NOW YOU'RE SO HEAVY YOU CAN'T EVEN RAISE YOUR ARMS.

THOOOOM

YOU'RE AWESOME, GAARA!!

NICE!!

ZUP

TMP

WHY ARE YOU HERE!?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE BATTLEFIELD!?

I'M TSUCHI-KAGE, YOU KNOW!

YOU'RE AWESOME, TOO, SHORTY GRAMPS!

...AND...

BY THE WAY...

ZOT

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

YOU BETTER BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT WELL ENOUGH TO PERSUADE ME!

IT'S A LONG STORY...

ER... UH...

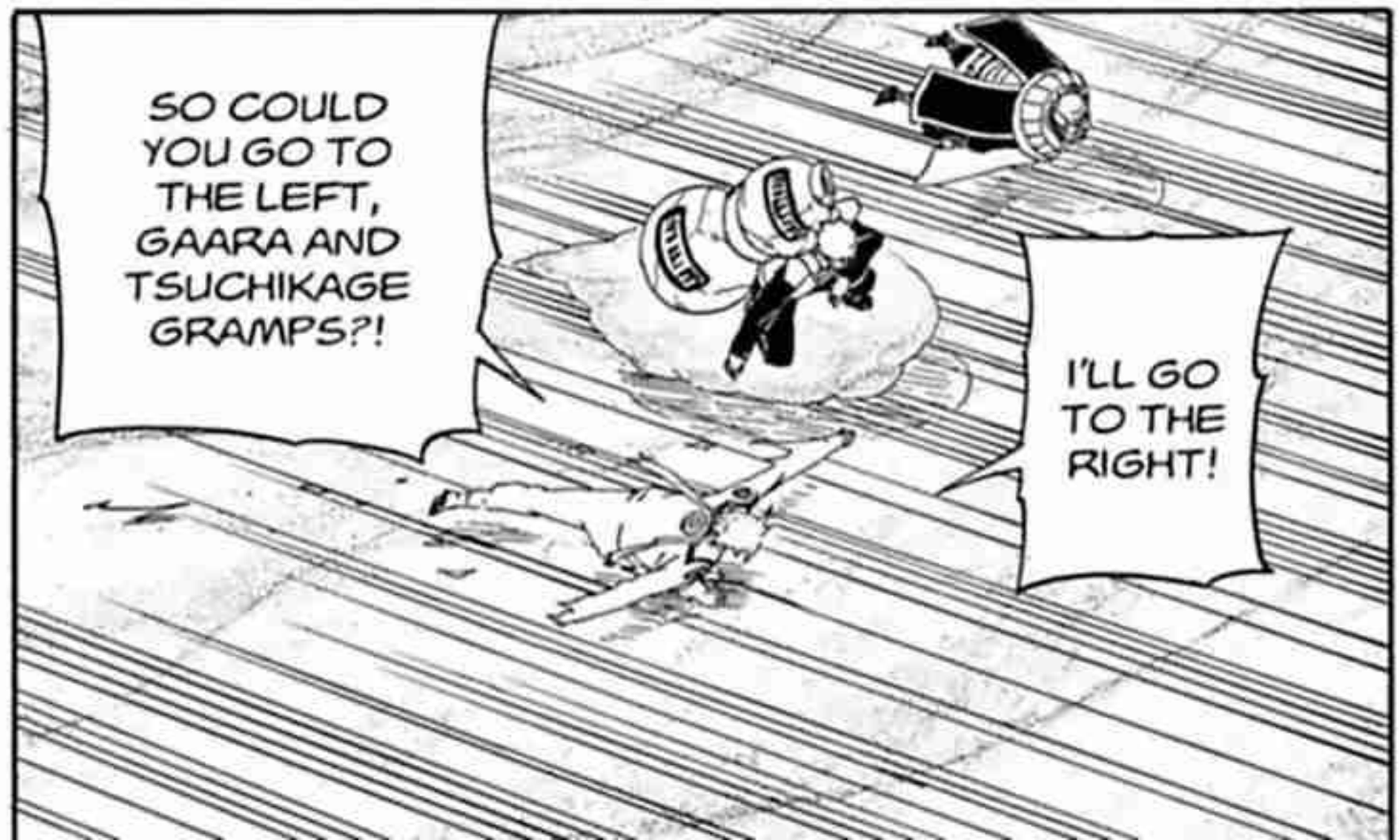
READ THIS WAY
SO TELL US SUCCINCTLY WHILE WE'RE ON THE MOVE.
WE'RE ALL EARS... BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THE BATTLE IS OVER... WE MUST HEAD TO THE NEXT SITE NOW!
LORD TSUCHIKAGE, LORD KAZEKAGE, YOU WERE BOTH IN THE MIDST OF FIGHTING, SO I THOUGHT I'D SAVE THE COMPLICATED TALK FOR LATER.
THAT'S WHY I'LL DO THE TALKING. THIS IS NARA SHIKAKU AT HQ.
...
Tik
YOU KNOW... I'M REALLY NOT TRYING TO WIN...
UNNH...
BUT... I GUESS... I'M TOO STRONG?
UNH...
OWW...!!

...NARUTO... IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO GO TO EACH BATTLEFIELD AND IDENTIFY TRANSFORMED ENEMY...
BUT AS A FORMER JINCHŪRIKI, I KNOW...

I SEE...
WHO

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE KAZEKAGE ALREADY, DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID.
I DON'T PLAN TO DIE UNTIL AFTER I BECOME HOKAGE.

...
THAT NINE TAILS CHAKRA... ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO USE IT SO HEAVILY?
...


SO COULD YOU GO TO THE LEFT, GAARA AND TSUCHIKAGE GRAMPS?!
I'LL GO TO THE RIGHT!

...

HUF
HUF

SCREECH

WE HAVEN'T INFLICTED ANY DAMAGE!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE ATTACK HIM, THERE'S NO EFFECT...!!

OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO BATTER HIM WITH CONSECUTIVE, TOP-SPEED BLADE DANCE...!

FIZZ~~

...IS THAT YOU, DODAI ...?

SHUP

!!

AND EVEN WIND STYLE LONG-DISTANCE ATTACKS, THE ONLY THINGS THAT CAN REACH HIM, CANNOT DEAL HIM A DECISIVE BLOW.

...WE NEED AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL WIND STYLE USER.

EVEN GREATER THAN HIS SPEED AND POWER, LORD THIRD RAIKAGE WAS A SHINOBI BLESSED WITH EXTRAORDINARY PHYSICAL RESILIENCE...

...YES...

...

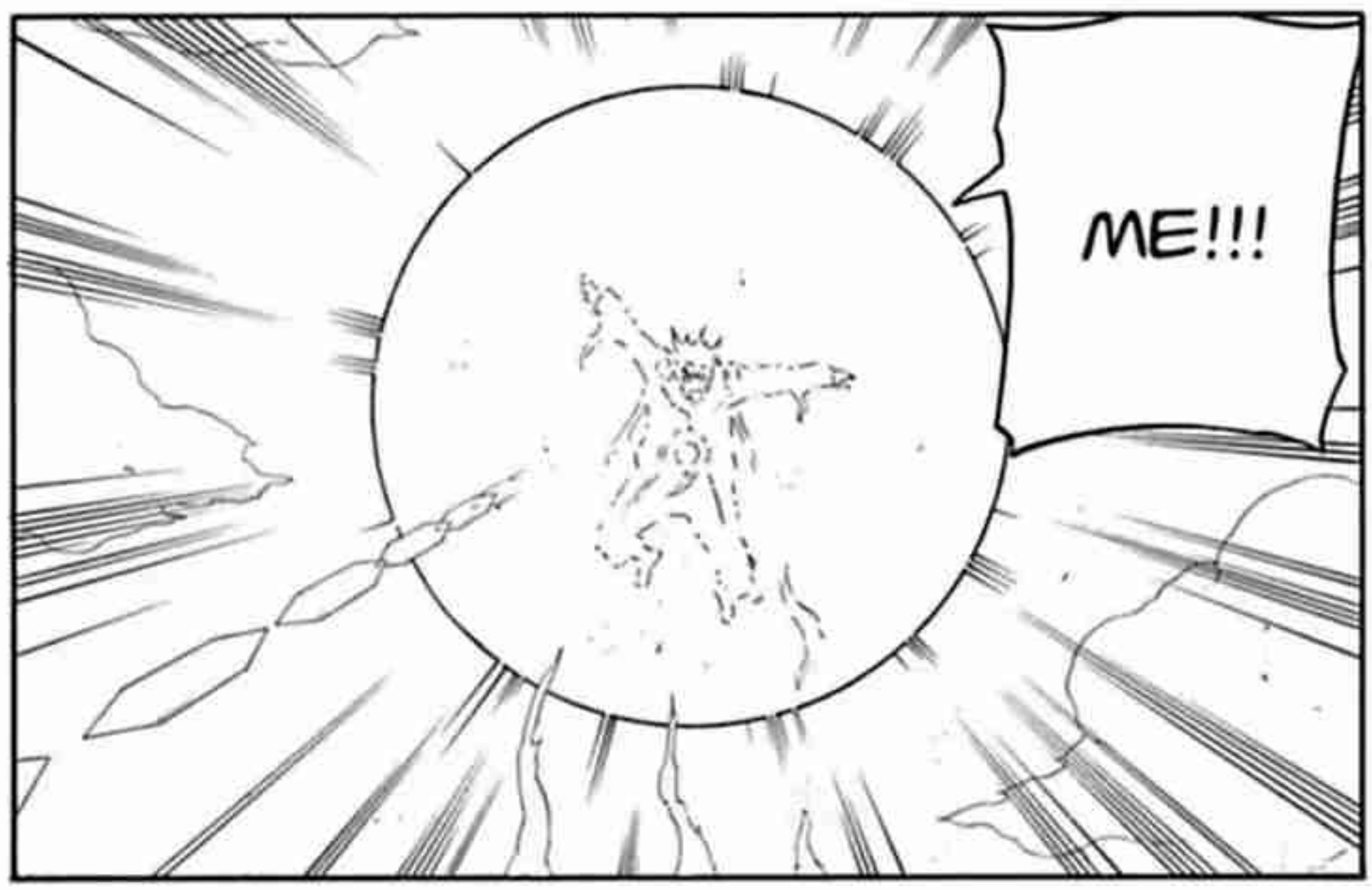
I'M NOT HALF-BAD A WIND STYLE USER MYSELF.

WAIT, HOW DID HE ACTUALLY DIE?

IN ORDER TO LET HIS PEOPLE GET AWAY... HE USED HIMSELF AS A DECOY AND FACED 10,000 OF THE ENEMY ALONE.

TO BUY ENOUGH TIME, IT'S SAID HE LASTED FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.

...?!!
FOO
BOO
!!!
AH, YEAH THERE IS!!!


ME!!!

WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS?!!

STOP!!

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K

G-G

LET'S TEST THESE OUTSIDE, SHALL WE...

FABOOSH

AAAAARGH...

FSHFSHFSH

THESE EYES SEE THE DARKNESS... QUITE WELL...
FOOSH

BAM

NARUTO

Number 554: The Rasen-Shuriken Limit!!

VOOSH

SNIP

SHIFT

FZZZZ

FOOSH

SWSH

?!!

I KNOW ALREADY!! RAIKAGE ARE ALWAYS SUPER-FAST!

!!

NO! IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH!

THAT CLOAK OF LIGHT-NING'S...

THAT'S WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO!

OK! WHEN IT COMES BACK...

HE DODGED IT AGAIN!!

IT'S NO USE!

...?!!

YOU GOTTA DISTRACT HIM, TO HIT HIM!

IT'S GOTTA HIT!!

THIS CLOSE UP...

ITTAI

SWIP

THE
DEVOO
SL

READ THIS WAY
TAK
YES, MA'AM!!
TAK
THAT WIND STYLE IS STRONG!! THIS MIGHT JUST...!!
THIS IS IT! SEALING CORPS, HURRY
WHOA !!
FR
R
RL
PSSSH
WE STOPPED HIM!
YEAH!!

SHUP

...!

N-NO WAY?!!

?!!

YOU ARE STRONG!

THIRD LORD!

SHOOM

WHAM

NO WAY! RASEN-SHURIKEN DIDN'T WORK?!

BZZZ
PSSSH!...
GRRR...

HE'S BEEN COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER.
THE LOOK IN LORD RAIKAGE'S EYES HAS CHANGED.

?!
!!
THAT'S NOT?!

FSH

EARTH STYLERS, GET A WALL UP!!
MOVE BACK FROM LORD RAIKAGE!!

FLIP FLIP FLIP

LINK UP!!

SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM

SLO

THO THO

NARUTO !!

DISPERSE !!

TAK

TH THO THO

WAH!!

GGGGG

SHW

G-G-G
G
G
IT'S THE THIRD LORD'S MOST POWERFUL NINJUTSU!!
WHA?!

IT COMPLEMENTS LIGHTNING STYLE PERFECTLY.
HE POOLS LIGHTNING CHAKRA INTO HIS FINGERTIPS!
...

THE PIERCING FOUR-FINGERED THRUST OF HELL!

THK

AND SASUKE'S CHIDORI...
JUST LIKE MASTER KAKASHI'S LIGHTNING BLADE...

BYO

STOP IT!! LISTEN TO THE CLOUD SHINOBI!!

EN GARDE, Y'ALL!!

TAK

NO!! SINCE WE KNOW WHERE HE'LL COME THROUGH, WE SHOULD ALL FOCUS ON THAT ONE PLACE TOGETHER!!

EVERYONE, GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN!!

WOO

UNH!

TAK

SSH

BOP

WHAM

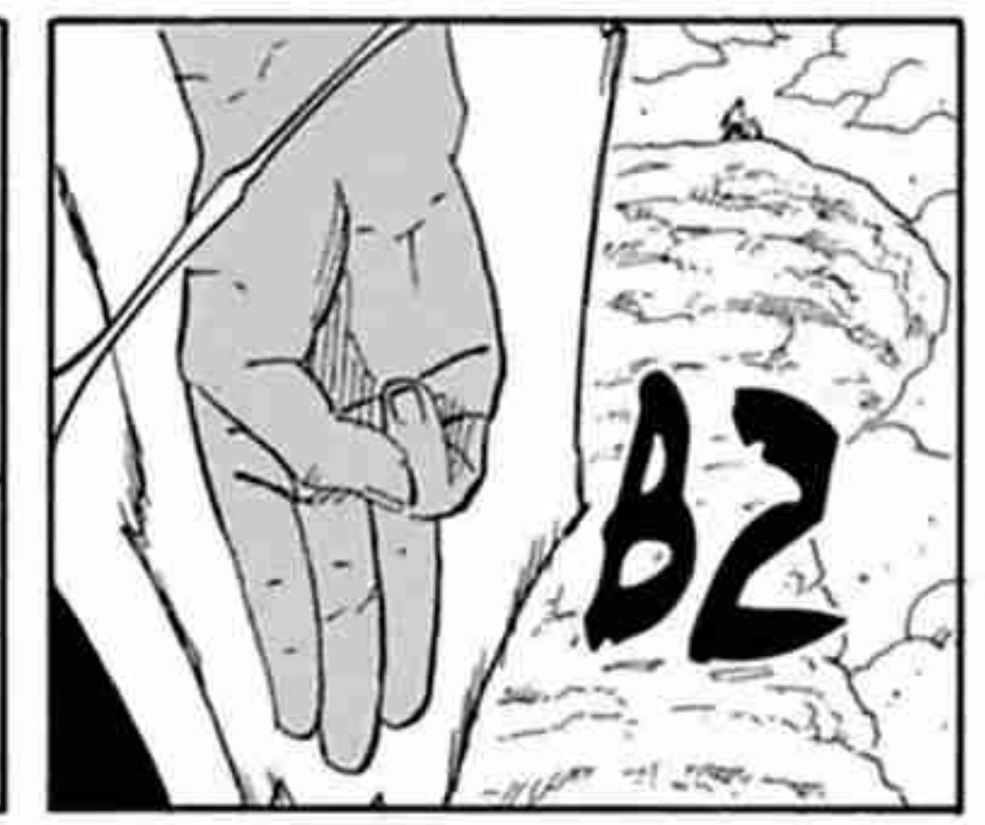
TAK

AARGH!

TAK

URG!!

WHAT IS IT WITH THAT JUTSU? IT'S WAY TOO STRONG!
HE'S SWITCHED TO THE THREE-FINGERED ASSAULT!
HE KNOCKED ALL THOSE NINJA OUT AT ONCE!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IT'S THE THIRD LORD'S INVINCIBLE SPEAR!
THE FEWER FINGERS HE USES, THE MORE FOCUSED THE ENERGY, AND THUS THE THRUST OF HELL GETS MORE POWERFUL!

IS HE EVEN HUMAN?
IT IS SAID HE IS THE ONLY SHINOBI TO HAVE EVER BEEN ABLE TO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH A BIJU UNARMORED AND UNARMED.

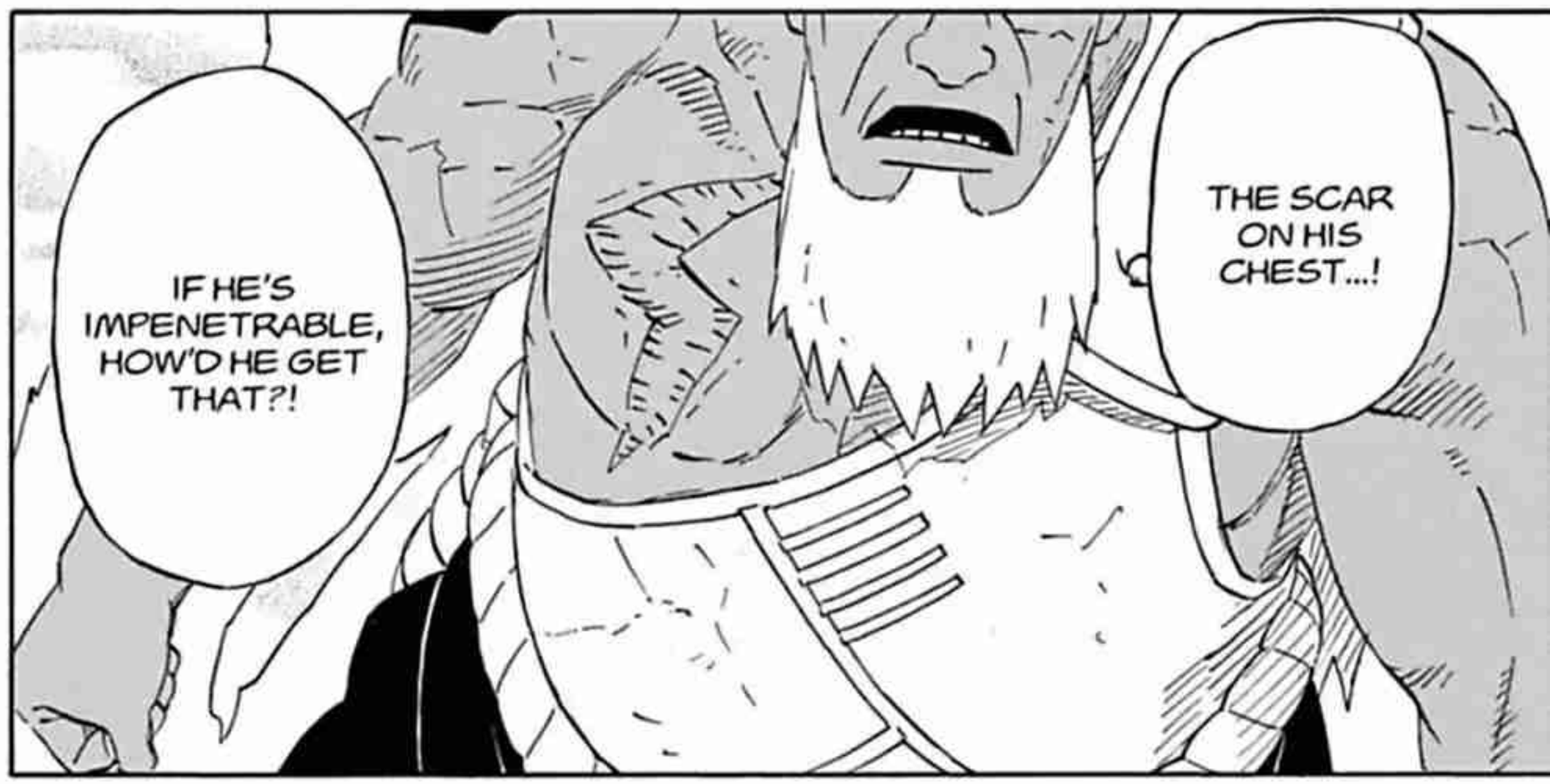
AND HE CAN HANDLE IT.
HE'S IMPENE-TRABLE.

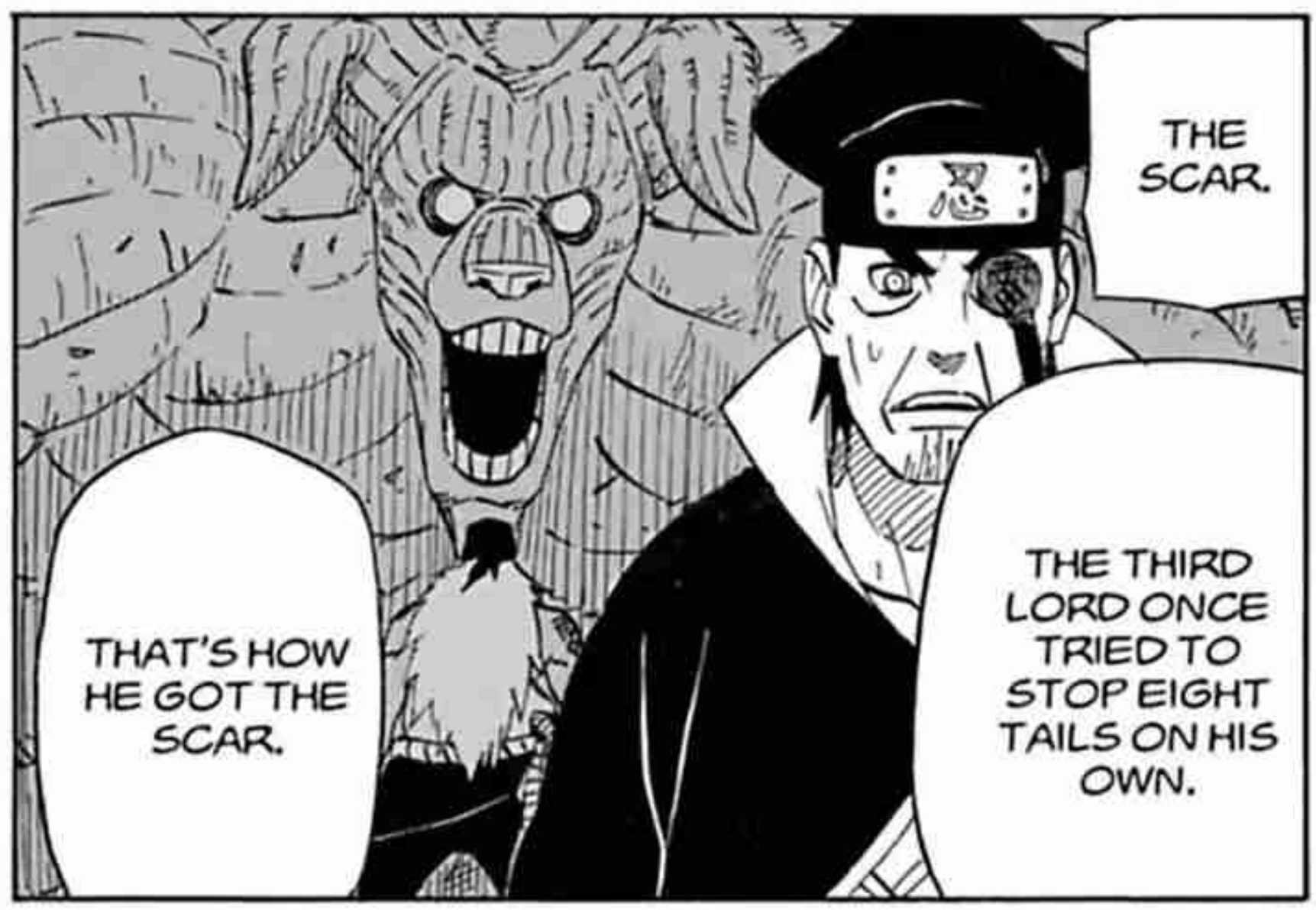
W-WOW... RAIKAGE ARE AWESOME.
...

THAT... THERE...

SO... WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!
WHAT IS IT?!
WITH WHAT ?!

HMM ?!!
...!


IF HE'S IMPENETRABLE, HOW'D HE GET THAT?!
THE SCAR ON HIS CHEST...!


THE SCAR.
THAT'S HOW HE GOT THE SCAR.
THE THIRD LORD ONCE TRIED TO STOP EIGHT TAILS ON HIS OWN.

ESPECIALLY WHEN EVEN THE RASEN-SHURIKEN DOESN'T AFFECT HIM!!

...

HE WOULD ONLY EVER SAY IT WAS THE MOST SHAMEFUL MOMENT OF HIS LIFE.
BUT NOT EVEN THE FOURTH LORD KNOWS THE DETAILS.
SO THAT'S FROM EIGHT TAILS?
SHUP

SPEAKING OF EIGHT TAILS...
FWP

BIJU BOMB !!
REEEE

NARUTO

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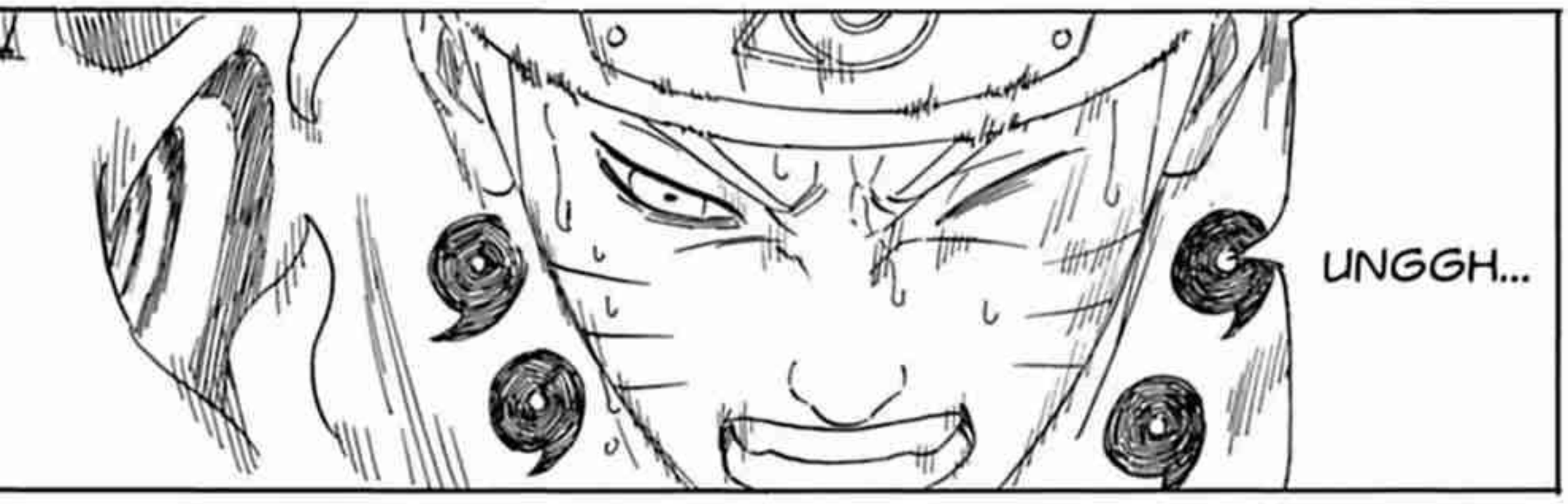
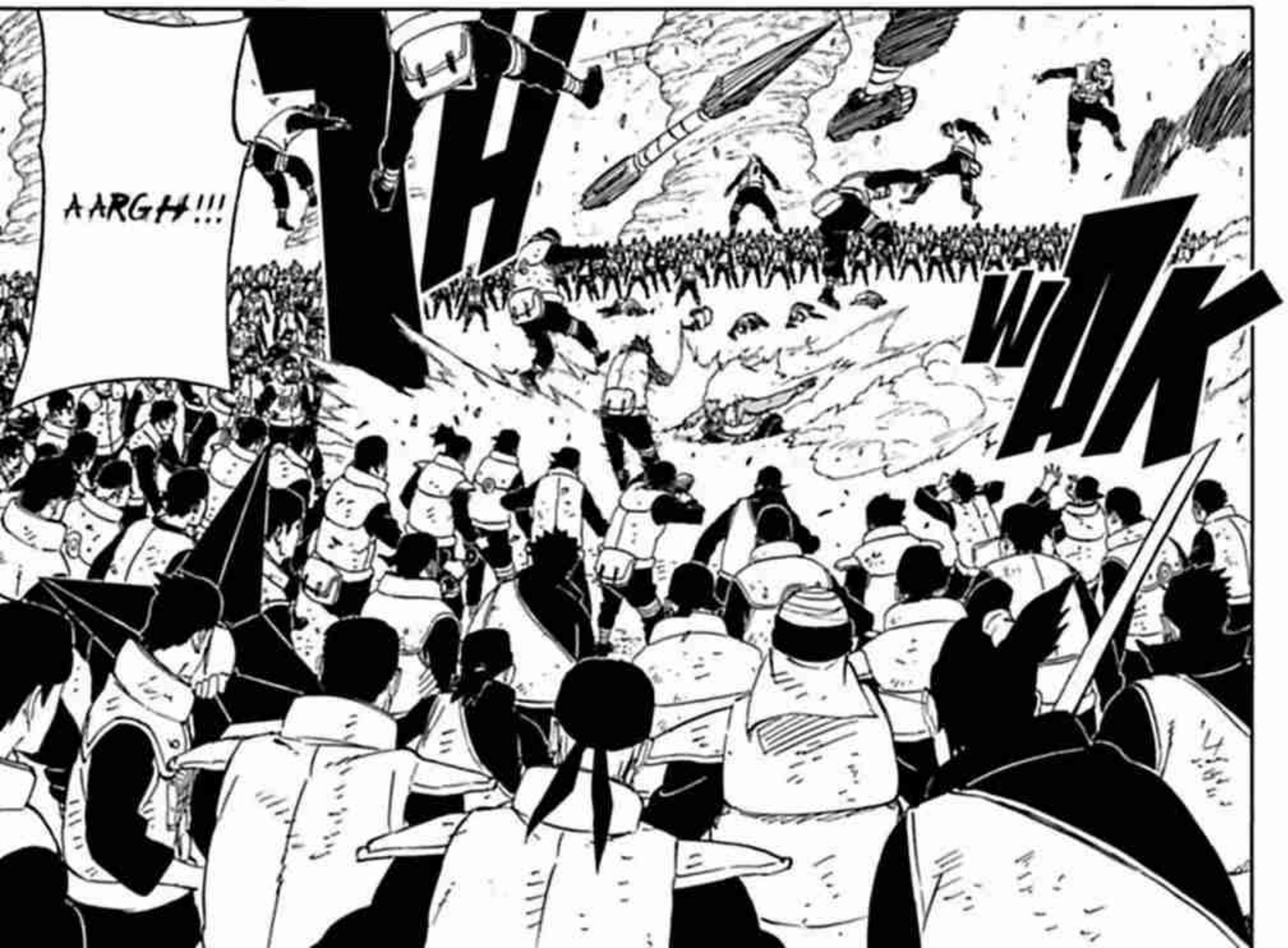




KERAPOP

WAH!!

Number 555: Paradox

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
UNH...

TELL ALL TO MAINTAIN A STANDBY POSITION AT A DISTANCE !!
GET THE WOUNDED TREATED!! SEND THEM TO THE MEDICAL TEAMS!!
LADY TEMARI!! THE ENEMY HAS PENETRATED OUR RANKS! MANY ARE HURT!!

YOU CAN GO THROUGH THE COMM CORPS...
AND HAVE INTEL UNIT CAPTAIN YAMANAKA INOICHI CONNECT YOU WITH BEE!

I WANT TO TALK TO OCTOPOPS AND EIGHT TAILS RIGHT NOW, BUT HOW CAN I CONTACT THEM?!
HEY BENDY GUY!

NARUTO!! WATCH OUT!!

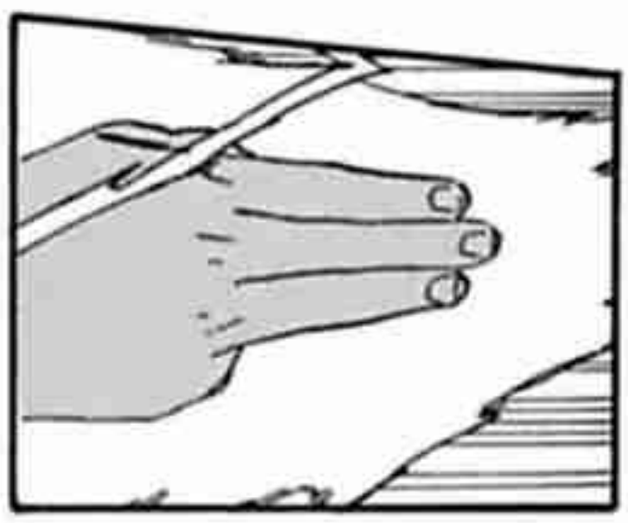
YEAH!!

...YOU'RE IN LUCK.
HUH?!
I'M A COMM CORPS SHINOBI.

BE

!!

WAAH!!



KLENCH

!!

HOOOOSH

HE'S GOING TO JUST KNOCK US OUT!
HE WITHDREW HIS THREE-FINGERED ASSAULT!

LAVA STYLE! RUBBER SPHERE!!

FOWH

SPRO ING

NO OM

NARUTO WISHES TO SPEAK TO BEE AND EIGHT TAILS. CAN YOU ARRANGE?

!!

YOU'RE LORD DODAI OF KUMOGAKURE! WHAT DO YOU NEED?

FSH

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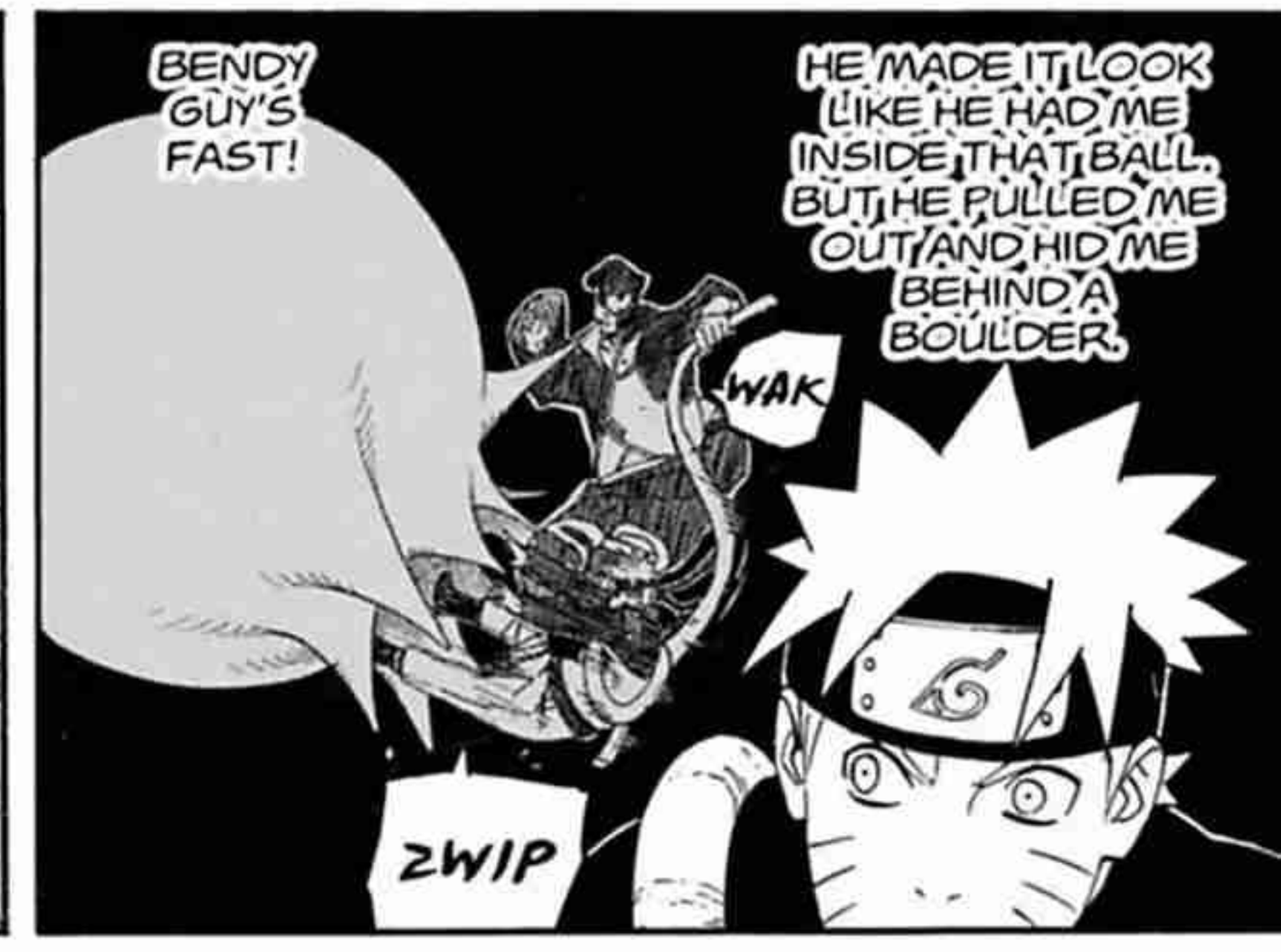
WHILE THE THIRD RAIKAGE IS CHASING AFTER THE DUMMY RUBBER BALL!

FSH



BUT YOU'RE NOT WITH THEM? I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRAVELING TOGETHER?!
NARUTO, YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH LORD BEE AND EIGHT TAILS.

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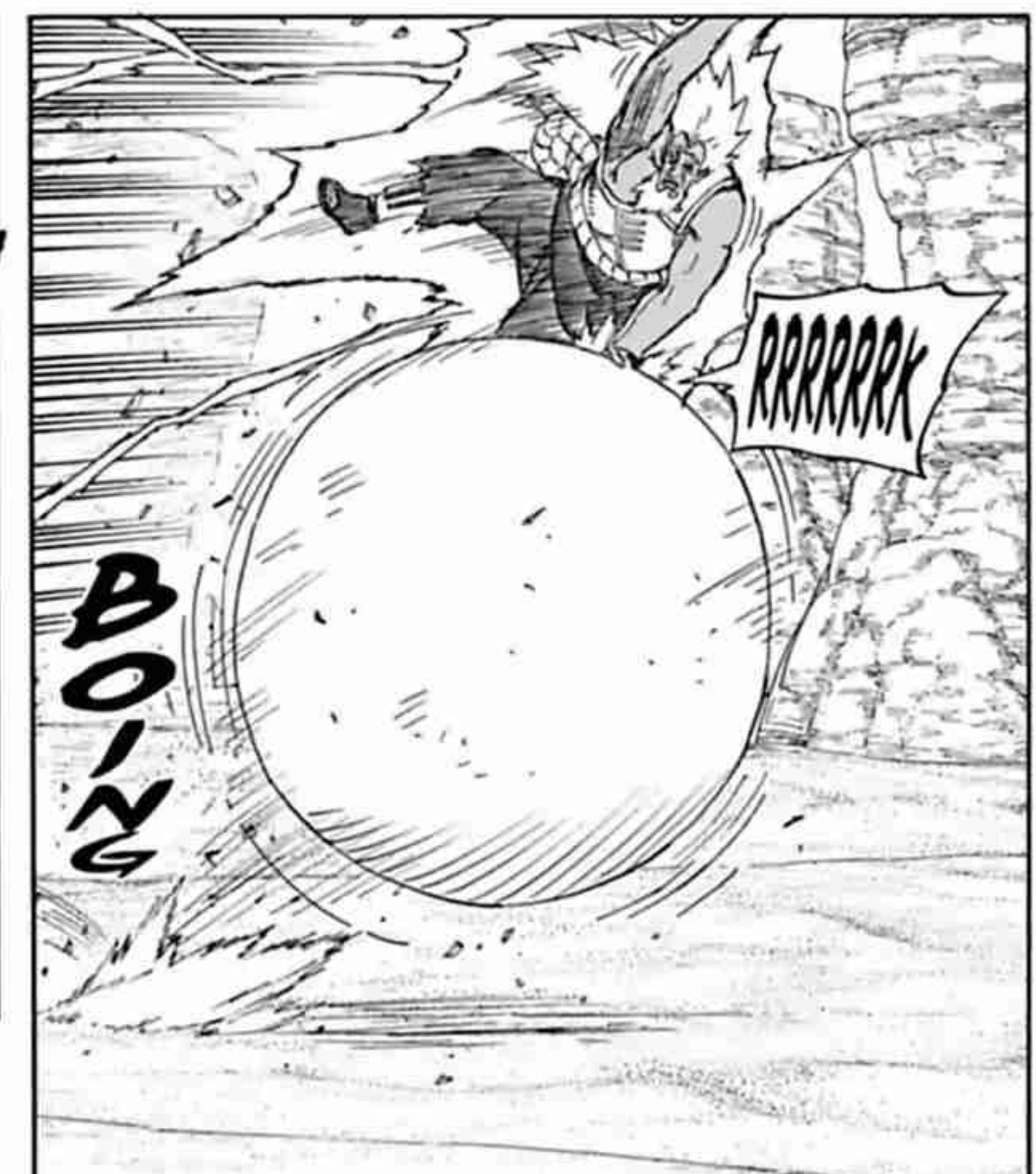
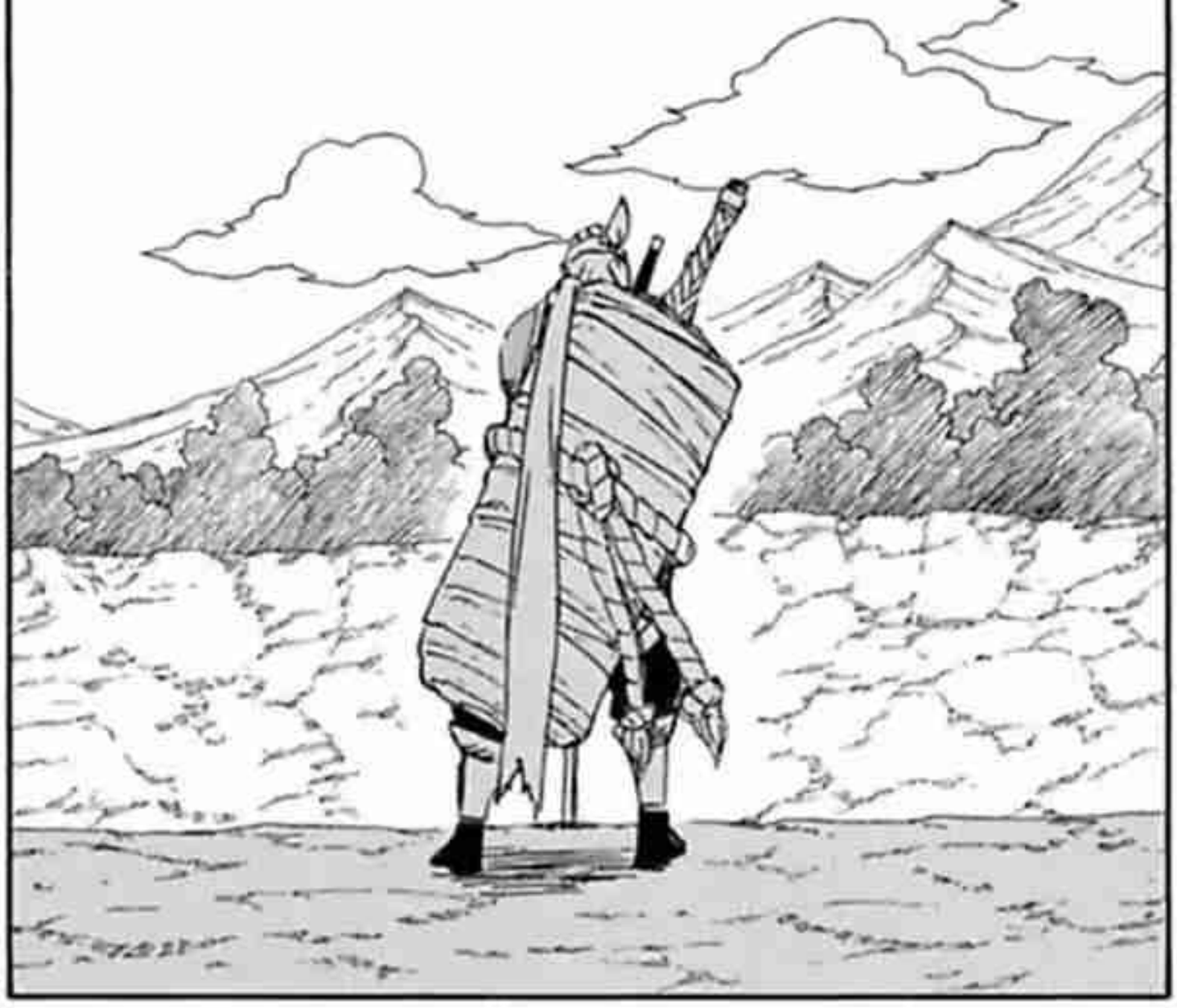
...

I DON'T HAVE TIME!
I'M NOT RIGHT NOW... PLUS... NEVER MIND, JUST GET ME IN TOUCH WITH THEM SUPER FAST!

BUZZZZ

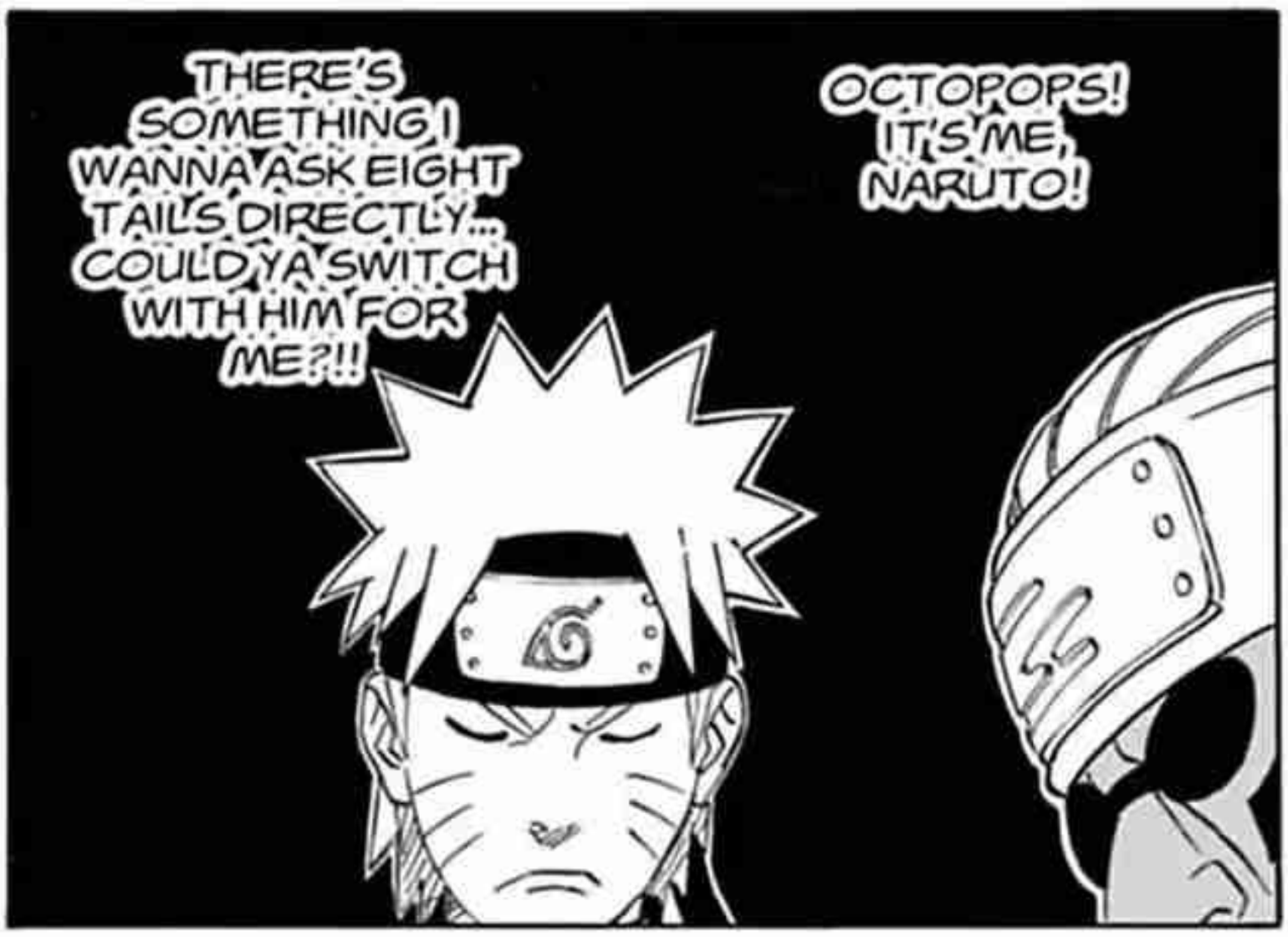

RRRRRRK
BOING



PSSH...

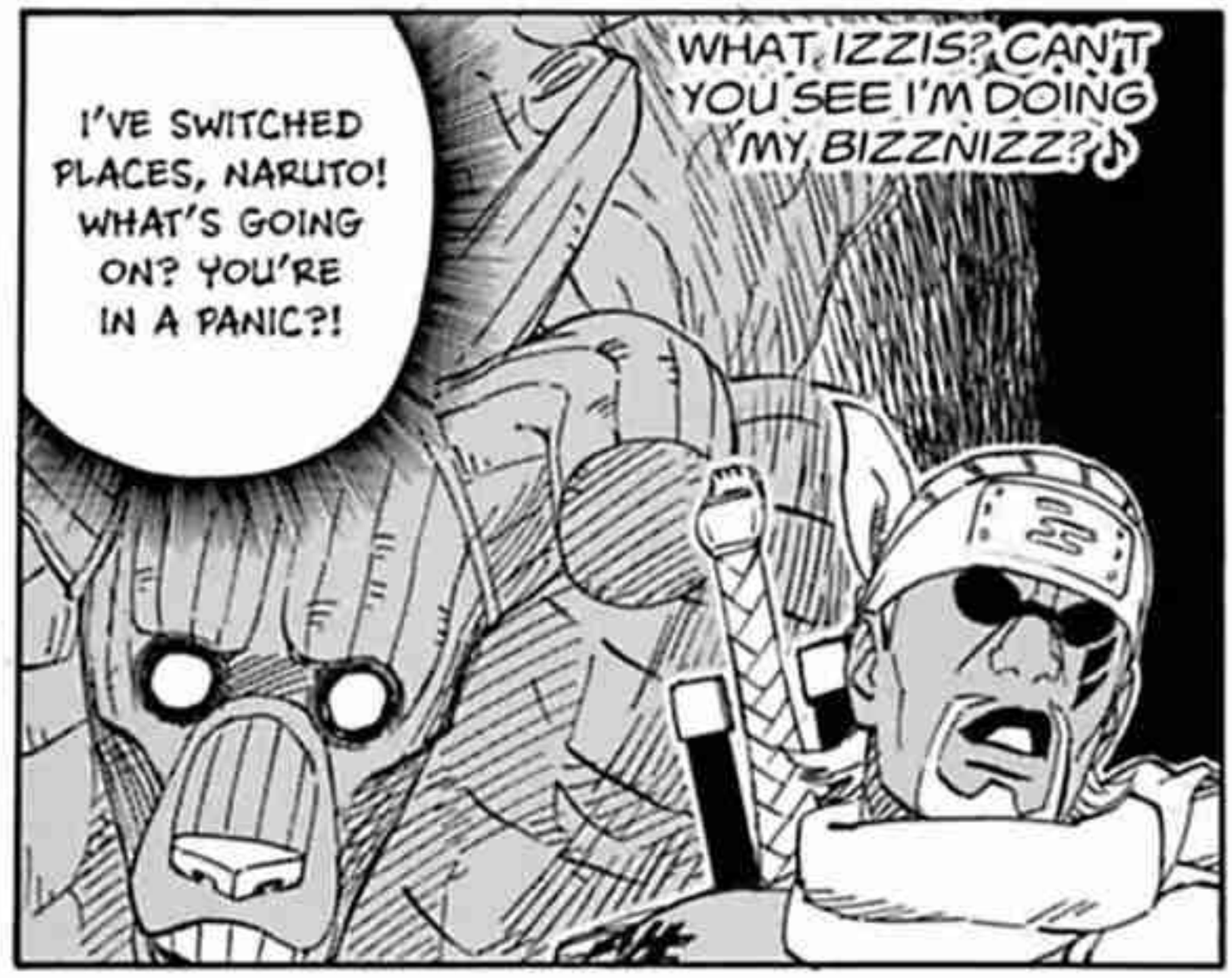
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO PEE ♪

HURRY UP AND FINISH YOUR BUSINESS!!
IT'S TAKING FOREVER!!
NARUTO'S GONE ON AHEAD!!


THERE'S SOMETHING I WANNA ASK EIGHT TAILS DIRECTLY... COULD YA SWITCH WITH HIM FOR ME?!!
OCTOPOPS! IT'S ME, NARUTO!

!!
URK

EIGHT TAILS, YOU'VE BATTLED THE THIRD RAIKAGE, RIGHT?!


I'VE SWITCHED PLACES, NARUTO! WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'RE IN A PANIC?!
WHAT, IZZIS? CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DOING MY BIZZNIZZ?♪

SO HOW'D YOU MANAGE SCAR RAIKAGE GRAMPS' CHEST?!

...HE ONCE EVEN CHOPPED OFF ALL OF MY TAILS WITH HIS ONE-FINGERED ASSAULT MOVE...
YEAH... A REAL LONG TIME AGO. HE WAS ONE SUPER-RESILIENT, TOUGH HUMAN!

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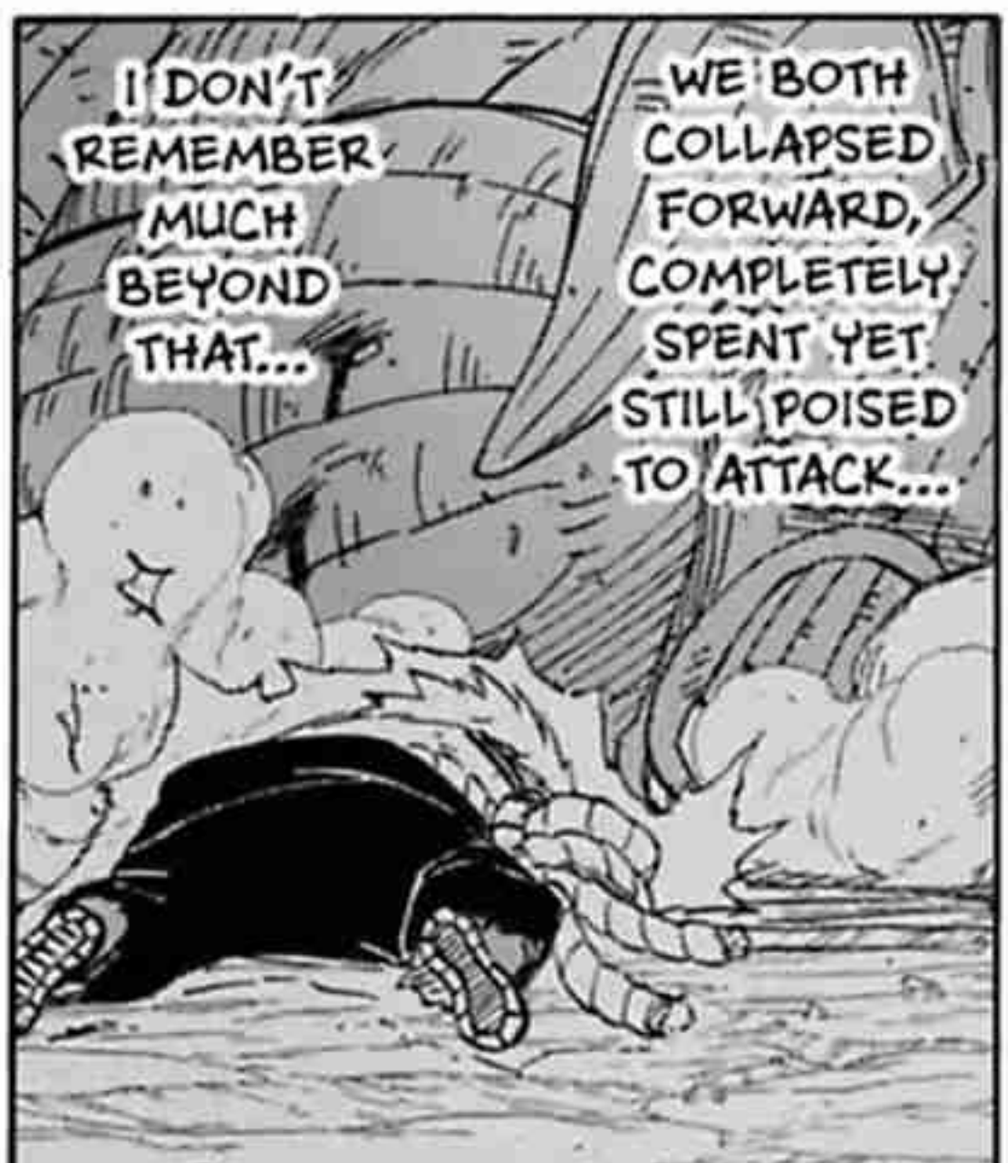

I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH BEYOND THAT...
WE BOTH COLLAPSED FORWARD, COMPLETELY SPENT YET STILL POISED TO ATTACK...

...WITH MY BIJU BOMB, I THINK?
HUH?!
HMM... OR MAYBE?

...
SHUD...

SWOO...
SWOO...

...COULD IT BE...?
...

TAK

READ THIS WAY
ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPELGANGER !!
BO
OF
SK
EEN
THANKS, EIGHT TAILS!!
RAIKAGE GRAMPS IS HEADED HERE... STAY OUT OF THE WAY, BENDY GUY!
HUH?! ...THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE?!
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANNA TRY...
TMP
TMP
SHOO
ALL RIGHT...
...

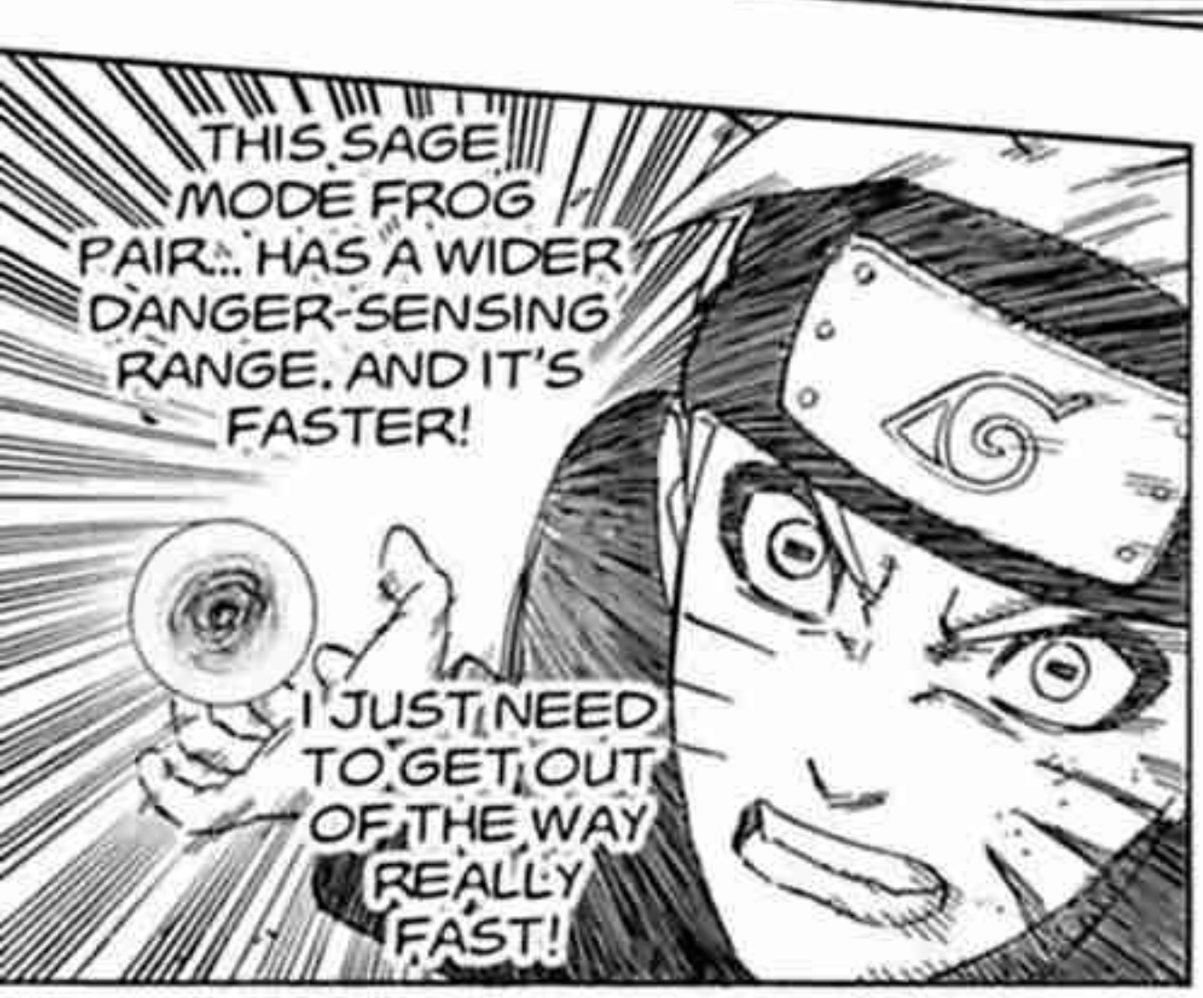
WEEEEN

FWP

FWP

RASENGAN!!

FSH


THIS SAGE MODE FROG PAIR... HAS A WIDER DANGER-SENSING RANGE. AND IT'S FASTER!
I JUST NEED TO GET OUT OF THE WAY REALLY FAST!

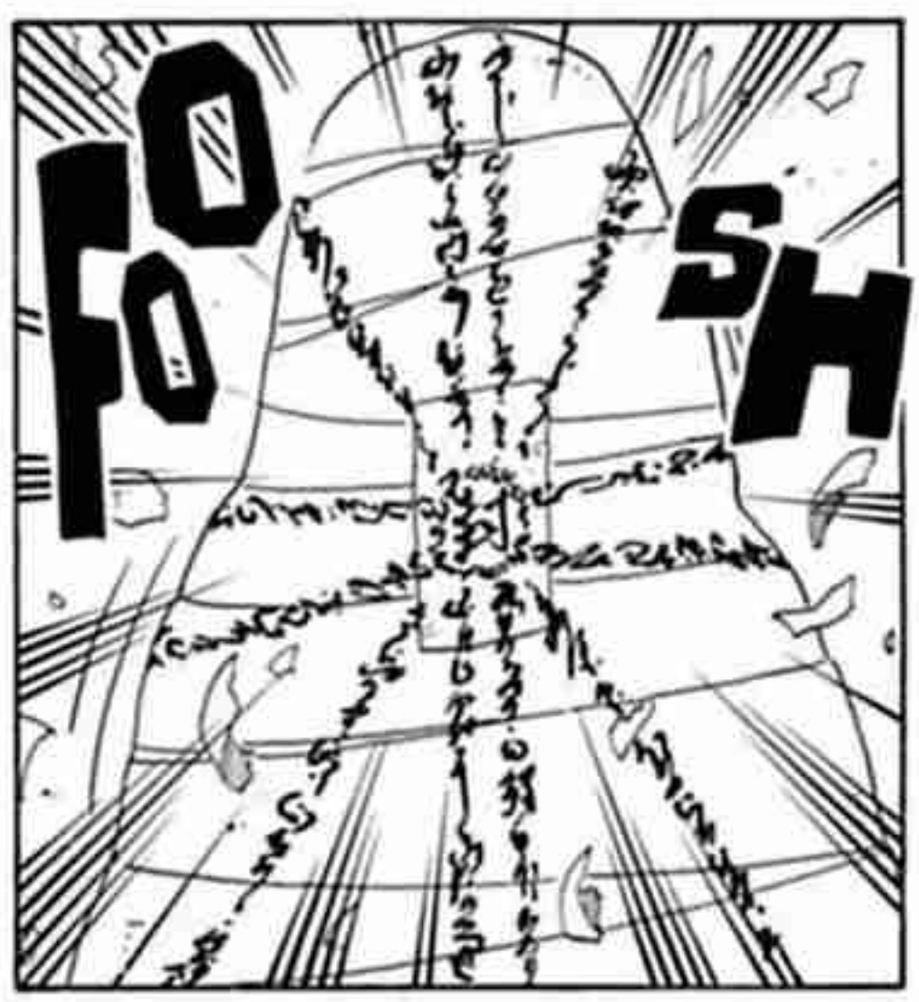
I SHALL HAVE HIM BROUGHT BACK TO ME HALF DEAD...
HIS INVINCIBLE SPEAR SHALL PIERCE THROUGH NARUTO'S ARMS AND LEGS FOR SURE!

HAM
GOTTA HIT HIS ARM!!
TH
K

!!
I SEE... SO THAT SCAR ON HIS CHEST... THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED...!

IT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!!

FWP FWP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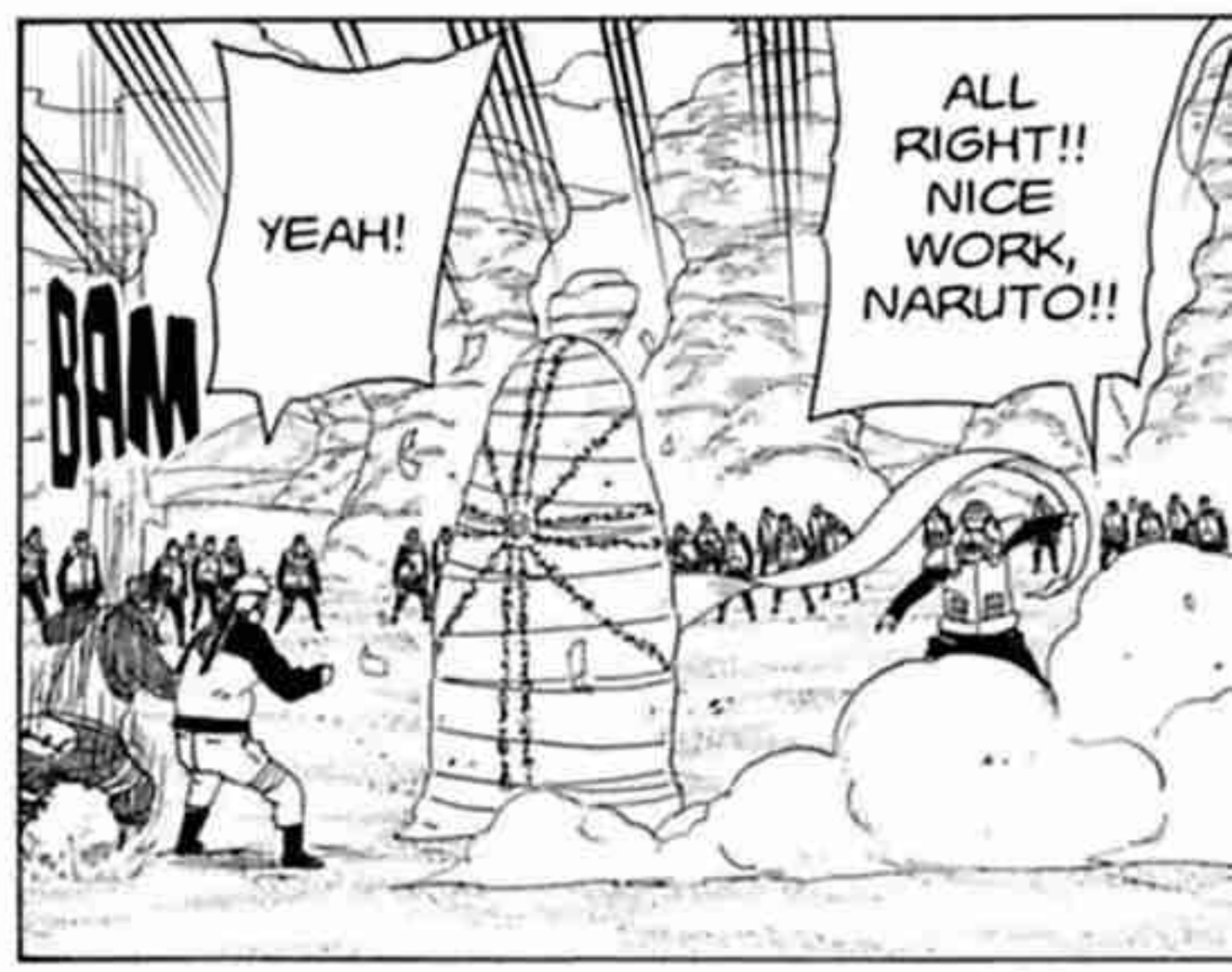
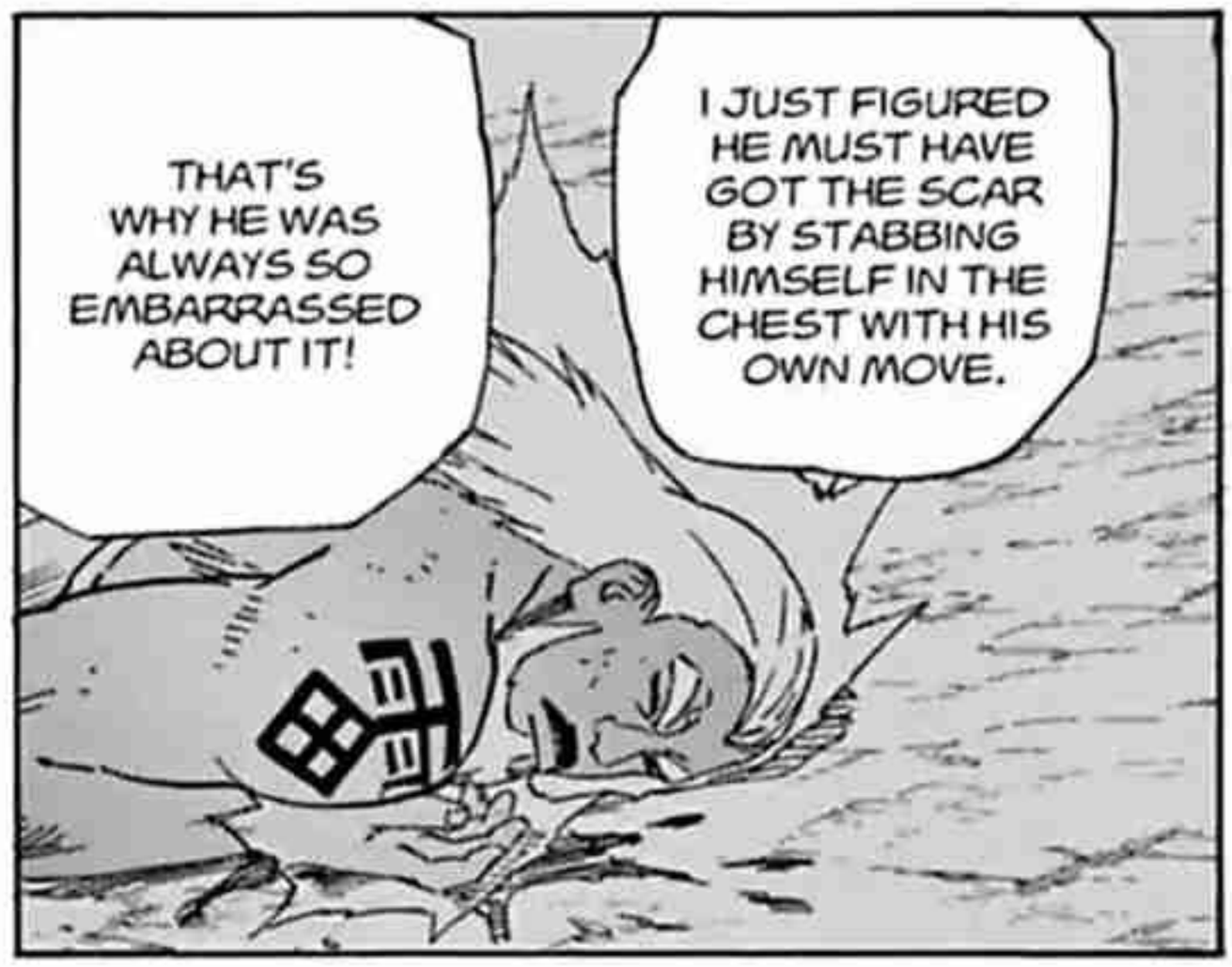
THEY BOTH FELL FORWARD READY TO ATTACK...
EIGHT TAILS TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE FOUGHT THE THIRD RAIKAGE...
GOOD CATCH...!
HOOH


BAM
YEAH!
ALL RIGHT!! NICE WORK, NARUTO!!

READ
THIS
WAY

IT CERTAINLY DOES POSE A PARADOX.
A SHINOBI WITH AN INVINCIBLE SPEAR AND AN IMPENETRABLE SHIELD...
I GUESS THIS SHOWS THAT LORD THIRD'S SPEAR IS MORE POWERFUL...


THAT'S WHY HE WAS ALWAYS SO EMBARRASSED ABOUT IT!
I JUST FIGURED HE MUST HAVE GOT THE SCAR BY STABBING HIMSELF IN THE CHEST WITH HIS OWN MOVE.

HEY...
NOW IT'S GAARA WHO HAS THE BEST SHIELD!!

YUP!

FOOSH
HUF
HUF
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT...?
FOOSH
TO BE CONTINUED IN NARUTO VOLUME 59!!